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OUTLINES.

Yesterday also being a holiday, no market reports are printed in this issue——An official statement is issued from the White House announcing that the President will take no notice of the contempt proceedings in the case of Gompers and others so long as it is pending in the courts——Four Indians were killed yesterday on the reservation in New Mexico——Col. James Hamilton Lewis is going to the Far East on some secret mission——A Missouri judge holds that the monopoly of a business is no violation of the law of that State——A Kentucky man shot his sister to death on Christmas day, then took his own life——It is estimated that 4,000,000 Christmas trees were used in this country this year——Roy Knabenhue made a trip over Los Angeles in his airship for the purpose of amusing the children who were having a Christmas frolic. ——The resurrection of Dr. Reed, the Koresh leader, did not come off at Tampa, Fla., Christmas day as his followers expected——The jury in the Beach Hargis case failed to agree and there is a mistrial——The crew of the wrecked schooner Marner Moore has been rescued and taken to Norfolk——Matthew Maloney has established a new world's record in Marathon races for amateurs——Henry Poor, of New York and Boston, member of a well known firm, failed yesterday——No more arrests have yet been made in Pittsburg, but many other city officials and bankers will be indicted in the next few days——The trip of the Hains to the Bayside Yacht Club came about at the instance of a friend who had invited them to look at property, and, therefore, was not taken with the design of taking the life of Annis, is the declaration of Lawyer Shay in outlining the defense of Thornton Hains in the celebrated trial yesterday——The moving picture shows by virtue of a writ of Supreme Court, will be reopened in New York today; they were closed by Mayor McClellan on the grounds of immorality.

Christmas has come and gone. Next thing is New Year's day—and prohibition.

Those who read President Castro's big talk should remember that he is several miles away from Venezuela.

The Spanish Government has retired Admiral Cervera. We thought Admirals Schley and Sampson did that over ten years ago.

The South is politically awaiting the announcement by President-elect Taft of the name of a man from this section as a member of his Cabinet.

It looks like the Governor of Tennessee disbanded his State Guard too soon if he really wants to put an end to lawlessness in that State.

We do not suppose it will be announced until after the Central African hunt is over how much per capita those animals Roosevelt will have stuffed at Government expense will cost Uncle Sam.

Why should the Republican pie-hunters in the Western part of the State think they should have all the offices going throughout the whole State? They should "shinny on their own side" of the line.

After reading the testimony of the witnesses is in the Tennessee night rider cases, the editor of the Durham Herald is of the opinion that there is a place of punishment in the future for men who commit such crimes.

If that Britisher keeps on telling Roosevelt about his wonderful experience in hunting in Central Africa we are afraid the President won't wait for his term of office to expire before starting on his hunting expedition.

The many telegrams of condolence and congratulations sent to Gompers and his two companions will hardly influence the Supreme Court in declaring what the law is on the questions involved.

We do not see why President Roosevelt should find it necessary to go out of this district for a Judge of the same. There is plenty of material in the same just as good as he can find outside of it, and he should give our people home-rule.

A New York business house has announced that it will establish a laundry for greenbacks for the benefit of its customers. That is a good idea if it will guarantee to give clean money in exchange for the dirty kind that is in general circulation.

If a few more murderers who undertake to work the insanity plea meet the fate of the Connecticut man who was hanged last Tuesday for the murder of his grand daughter that defense in murder trials will lose some of its popularity.

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ALDERMEN TO MEET

Special Meeting Monday to Approve of Form of Bonds and Other Matters.

CONCLUDE SALE AT ONCE

Securities Already Being Engraved and Consummation of Sale Now Only Awaits Signatures and Delivery—Negotiations.

At the request in writing of the required number of Aldermen, a call was issued yesterday by Mayor Springer for a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of "passing certain resolutions regarding the sale of $400,000 water works and sewerage bonds to N. W. Harris & Co., of New York."

The resolutions to be passed upon are as to the form of the bond to be issued and certain other formalities, which might have been left over to the regular meeting but for the fact that the Aldermen desire to close up the matter finally as early as possible and to have the proceeds of the bond issue available at the earliest possible moment in the New Year. The calling of the Aldermen together to approve of the form of the bonds and coupons means that they will be available during the present week and it is expected that just as soon as the proceeds are available the Board of Aldermen will conclude the waterworks question at the earliest possible moment. It is likely that the test of the six-inch pipe as to corrosion will be made Monday and that the committee will be prepared by the following Monday night to make a specific recommendation as to the purchase or non-purchase of the present plant with a view to its enlargement and extension. While nothing official is known, it is believed that the city will make an offer of $140,000 for the plant as it now stands and it is said to be reasonably certain that the company will accept the offer. In conservative quarters, this amount is generally regarded as equitable and the hope is expressed that two parties to the trade will be able to get together on this basis.

The contract was recently awarded to N. W. Harris & Co., to engrave the bonds at a cost of only a little over $200 from plates already in existence and in this way the committee has saved a considerable sum to the city. The bonds according to the form to be approved Monday night have already been engraved and as soon as these are sent to Wilmington to be signed by the City Clerk and Treasurer and the Mayor, the certificates will be ready for delivery and the money will be paid into the treasury.

The Board of Audit and Finance, it is expected, will be called to meet on Tuesday night to concur in any action the Aldermen may take in regard to the bond form, etc.

DEATH OF MR. B. S. WINSTEAD.

End Came on Christmas Morning After Six Weeks of Illness.

After an illness covering a period of six weeks, Mr. Burt S. Winstead, the son of Mr. A. S. Winstead, of this city, passed away about 9 o'clock on Christmas morning at the family residence on North Seventh street and the news of his death cast a profound gloom over scores of friends and relatives in the city.

Mr. Winstead was taken ill about six weeks ago with typhoid fever and it was thought until several days ago that his condition was entirely favorable, but then he suffered a relapse and he continued to sink gradually until the end came at the hour noted.

Mr. Winstead was aged 20 years, 4 months and 20 days and he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. For some time previous to his fatal illness Mr. Winstead was employed as bookkeeper by the Springer Coal Company and he was thought very highly of by his employers.

Surviving the deceased are his father, one brother, Mr. Joe E. Winstead, and two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Blake and Miss Hazel Winstead, and to them the sincere sympathy of many friends will be extended in this hour of their bereavement.

Sad and impressive funeral services were conducted yesterday morning from the First Baptist church by Rev. Fred D. Hale, the pastor, after which the remains were borne to Oakdale and interred, the new made grave having been covered with a profusion of very beautiful floral designs. The pall-bearers on this sad occasion were as follows: Messrs. L. T. Meredith, T. A. Henderson, D. Bornemann, A. Alderman, W. A. Muse, and Thos. Taylor.

Player Rath is Drafted.

There will be local interest in a dispatch last night from Lynchburg, Va., stating that the Lynchburg Baseball Club will likely lose Player Rath, last year with Wilmington. He has been drafted by one of the major leagues but Lynchburg is going to protest and make every effort to hold the young player.

Board your horses. Orrell Livery Company, corner Third and Princess streets. 2t

CHRISTMAS POLICE COURT

Forty-Seven Over Enthusiastic Holiday Revelers Fall a Prey to Police Over Friday—None of Cases of Special Interest.

An unusually large number of offenders faced the Mayor yesterday, altogether 47 defendants having been placed on trial and sentenced. The municipal court was in session for more than three hours and the attendance of spectators was record-breaking.

In the absence of City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., the city was represented by W. P. Gafford, Esq.

At the opening of court Mayor Springer stated that he would deal leniently with those against whom the only charge was that of drunkenness and in all such cases the defendants were dismissed upon the payment of costs.

The large majority of cases were for being drunk and down, while there were also a number of disorderly conduct.

Only one defendant, Frank Onslow, was indicted on a serious enough charge to bind over to the higher court, he having been arrested on a warrant charging attempted robbery.

Henderson Hays, of great police court notoriety, was sentenced to the county roads for 30 days for being drunk and down and disorderly conduct.

For disorderly conduct and drunk fines of $5.00 and the costs were placed on M. Gorman, Leon Gee, Randolph Sanders, Joe Ellerson, Florence Myers, Andrew Smith, Babe Townsend, Joe Farrow and Geo. Ellerbee.

Sentences of 30 days on the farm were placed on Iellie Richardson and Annie Ray, charged with disorderly conduct and Walter Holly was sentenced to the roads for 30 days for the same charge.

AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

Appropriate Christmas Day Services. Children to Give Presents.

The children of St. James Sunday School, will this afternoon, according to their annual custom, take Christmas gifts to the church, which will later be distributed among children less fortunate throughout the city.

Very beautiful and appropriate Christmas day services were held at St. James' on Thursday morning, there having been in attendance a large congregation. The choir rendered a special programme of music and this added greatly to the pleasures of the sacred observance. Bishop Strange assisted in the service and the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. R. Matthews, who is acting as temporary rector of the congregation.

Services at St. James today will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Gave Delightful Christmas Entertainment to Children.

No happier gathering of children could be found than were the 300 little folks who were guests of the Salvation Army at its children's Christmas exercises on Thursday evening. After devotional exercises, which were conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church ,there was an enjoyable programme of songs, recitations and dialogues rendered, after which old Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children, the presents having been taken from two brightly lighted and heavily laden trees.

The eevnt was one of the happiest of the holiday season and it brought pleasure into the lives of many little ones and older folks, too.

EXERCISES MONDAY EVENING

Enjoyable Event by Members of Grace Church Sunday School.

A delightful programme has been arranged for the Christmas exercises of Grace Methodist church Sunday School which will be held tomorrow night, consisting of devotional exercises, after which an offering of provisions and clothing will be made for the children at the Methodist College at Raleigh. The offering will be dedicated with prayer by the pastor, Rev. Thos. A. Smoot and following this all present will adjourn to the Sunday School room where a reception to the members of the church will be tendered by the Sunday School.

Promotion for Wilmingtonian.

Mr. W. C. Montgomery, a well known young man of this city who has been connected with the Metropolitan Inusrance Co., in Wilmington, received a fine Christmas present in the form of an assistant superintendency at Canton, N. C., for the same company. The promotion is a reward for his fine record of the past year. The company offers a fine field for the advancement of capable young men and Superintendent Emmart, of this district, takes especial interest in pushing his men forward. The district stood No. 1 for the month of November in the Southern territory.

Regular Interest Period
of The People's Savings Bank begins January 1st. If you deposit now you will get your interest in three months. 3t

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AFFAIRS OF STATE

Governor at Work on His Biennial Message to Forthcoming Legislative Session.

POLICIES AS AGREED UPON

Two Candidates for Adjutant General of North Carolina National Guard. Two Christmas Accidents in Raleigh—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—Governor Glenn is devoting much of the holidays to the preparation of his message to the General Assembly to convene January 6th. It will review his four years administration briefly and contain recommendations as to future policies in which he and Governor-elect Kitchin agree.

It is said that there are very few and unimportant differences between them as to State policies. The Governor will have his message ready for the printers in a few days now. Mrs. Glenn and Miss Rebekah are here with him and expect to leave for Winston-Salem about January 4th, the Glenn residence there being now ready for them after undergoing extensive improvement, including enlargement and general renovation.

In North Carolina National Guard circles great interest centers now in the appointment of an adjutant general for the administration of Governor Kitchin. General T. R. Robertson, who has served during the administration of Governor Glenn, is being urged for re-appointment by strong friends. Then there is a strong effort being made for the appointment of J. F. Armfield, now brigadier general of the North Carolina Guard. It is understood that the friends of neither of these gentlemen have as yet gotten much satisfaction out of the Governor-elect. There is to be a meeting of the North Carolina Guard Association Monday at Greensboro to discuss "the send of the service" and there will certainly be some "politics" in the interest of both.

Mr. George W. Norwood, chief clerk to the Secretary of State, has a disabled right hand today as a result of joining "the boys" in a fireworks celebration of Christmas. In fact it was almost miraculous that the injury was not far more serious. He had been firing "baby cannon" crackers and one exploded prematurely in his hand lacerating the fingers painfully and giving him a severe shock generally. However, the hand will be all right in a few days. There were remarkably few Christmas accidents hereabouts. A young lady whose name could not be ascertained had her cheek badly scorched and "powder-marked" by an exploding cracker that was thrown by some one in the crowd that thronged Fayetteville street Christmas night.

Some miscreant threw a huge cannon cracker upon the front porch of a handsome residence just being completed in the suburbs of the city and the concussion from it shattered the plate glass in the front doors, broke in the panels and did other damages.

GIFTS TO COL. TAYLOR

Presented by Boys Brigade and the Juniors.

A delightful occurrence on Christmas day was the presentation to Col. Walker Taylor, at his home on Market street, of two handsome gifts, with the compliments and best wishes of the Boys Brigade, with whose work Col. Taylor is so greatly interested.

The gift on behalf of the Brigade was a beautiful silver coffee pot, the presentation speech having been made by Captain Wilbur Dosher. The Junior Brigade gave to Col. Taylor a fine chafing dish, Liteutenant Albert Elmer having made the speech of presentation.

Col. Taylor, while taken completely by surprise, expressed his appreciation of the beautiful and useful presents in very feeling words and the members present were made to realize that they had added greatly to the pleasures of Christmas day by their actions.

Dance on Christmas Night.

A very delightful Christmas dance was given at Concordia Hall on South Front street on Friday evening by Misses Reba and Kate Myers, complimentary to the members of their evening dancing class and the large number of young people enjoyed the occasion to the utmost.

The hall was very attractively decorated in Christmas colors, it having made a pretty setting for the joyous occasion, which was the first of a number of pleasant Yuletide social occasions.

In order to advertise a new set of books a representative of one of the largest publishers of New York and London is giving away 40 sets of books. If you are building up your library and will send your address at once to "J." care of Star, you can have an opportunity at this. **

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SPECIAL MASONIC SERVICE

Saint John The Evangelist's Day to be Appropriately Observed by Wilmington Lodges—Sermon by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield.

An occasion of more than the ordinary interest for the Masonic fraternity and all visiting Masons, who are cordially invited, will be the special sermon this morning at 11 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal Church, by Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, of Oxford, N. C., formerly rector of St. James parish, this city, and a member of the order in high degree.

The occasion is St. John The Evangelist's Day and falling this year on Sunday, it is peculiarly appropriate that the lodges join in closing a successful year by spending an hour in worshiping Him, who has showered blessings upon the fraternity. The service is specially under the auspices of Orient Lodge No. 395, A. F. & A. M. and the arrangements have been made by a committee composed of Messrs. H. G. Smallbones, James C. Munds and Jas. F. Sears. All members of Orient and other lodges in the city with visiting Masons are invited to assemble at the parish house, next north of the church at 10:45 o'clock for the purpose of proceeding to the church in a body. The ladies will be conducted to seats in the church immediately upon their arrival.

Rev. Mr. Horsfield arrived in the city last evening and will be a guest of Mr. James C. Munds. He will be pleasantly greeted by many Wilmington friends and will be heard again with pleasure at St. John's Church at night.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Member of Board of Lecturership Here Tuesday Evening, Jan. 5th.

The public is cordially invited to attend a lecture on Christian Science by Francis J. Fluno, M. D., C. S. D., a member of the Board of Lecturership of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, in the Academy of Music, this city, on the evening of Tuesday, January 5th at 8:30 o'clock. The lecture is without charge for admission and the people of Wilmington generally are invited to hear the distinguished speaker.

Dr. Fluno was a practicing physician in Chicago until 1885, when he became interested in Christian Science. For more than twenty years he has been engaged in the practice of Christian Science healing and teaching, and several years ago was elected a member of the Board of Lecturership of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.

DEATH AT DELGADO

Mrs. Maggie Hobbes Passed Away on Christmas.

Mrs. Maggie Hobbes, the beloved wife of Mr. J. H. Hobbs, passed away at her late home in Delgado village on Christmas morning and the news of her demise, which was unexpected, will be received with sincere sorrow by the many friends of the deceased. Mrs. Hobbes was taken ill on Sunday last and despite the best of medical attention she continued to grow worse until the end came at the time stated.

Sad funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the family residence at 2 o'clock, after which the body was taken to East Wilmington and interred.

Transfers of Real Estate.

The following deeds were recorded yesterday for the transfer of real estate:

A. W. Pate and wife and C. C. Chadbourn, trustee, to J. L. Guin for $10 and other considerations lot No. 31 in Sea Gate Park.

A. W. Pate and wife and C. C. Chadbourn trustee, to W. G. Butler for $126. lot No. 19 in Sea Gate Park.

E. J. W. Anders and wife to W. G. Butler for 59 lot No. 2 in Sea Gate Park.

R. M. Wescott and wife to J. R. Menshew and wife for $100 and other considerations lot in the eastern line of Sixth street, 192 feet 6 inches south of Castle street, 27.6 by 132 feet.

J. B. Mercer and wife to R. A. Wright for $100 lot No. 2 in Mercer Place.

W. M. Cumming and wife to H. L. Fisher and wife for $100 lot beginning in the eastern line of Twelfth street, 123 feet south of Dawson street, 33 by 165 feet.

Experience With a Sand Spur.

While engaged in practice with a football near his home on Christmas Day, young Mr. Herbert Davis, 16 years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Davis, had the misfortune to have a sandspur lodged in his throat which promised to give him much trouble for a time. Dr. A. H. Harriss was summoned and later with the assistance of Dr. Thos. M. Green at the latter's office, the obstacle was removed by the use of the X-ray. Young Mr. Davis was getting along nicely yesterday.

Very soon Platt & Haar will be showing the newest in 1909 white goods, embroideries, muslin underwear, fancy wash goods, suits, etc., and they must have room. Balance of Xmas goods, furs, etc., at cost. **

Livery of all kinds. Orrell Livery Co., 'phone 47. 2t

WILMINGTON WON

Defeated Savannah in Fine Football Game Christmas Afternoon.

SMALL CROWD WAS PRESENT

Locals Outplayed Visitors at Every Point and Game Was Most Exciting Ever Witnessed Here.

Clearly outclassing the visitors at every point and playing one of the cleverest games of football ever seen in this city, the strong local aggregation defeated the Savannah team in a fierce gridiron struggle on Christmas afternoon at New League Park by the score of six to nothing, by this victory the Wilmington team having brought its season to a close without having suffered a single defeat.

The attendance was not more than 200 and this is said to the everlasting discredit of the sporting spirit of Wilmington people. The game was bitterly contested from the first blow of the whistle until time was called and there has never been witnessed in this city a prettier or more exciting contest. Be is said to the credit of the few enthusiasts who were present that they were strong in their support of the locals and that the fine playing of both teams was the cause for almost continuous cheering.

The game was called at 4 o'clock and two 20-minute halves were played. In the first half neither side was able to score despite the most strenuous efforts of the rival players and the use of every style of football, from the straight line rushes and end runs to the more complicated forward pass and frequent punting.

The only score of the game was made early in the second half. Savannah had kicked off to Wilmington's 25-yard line and the local team then began its steady and resistless march for the goal line, which resulted, seven minutes after the play had started, in Grainger being forced over the goal for the touchdown. The playing that resulted in the score was largely line plunges and end rushes and it appeared that nothing could put a stop to the determined march of the locals. With a number of pretty rushes the ball had been carried from Wilmington's 25-yard line to Savannah's 5-yard line, and there, while the crowd was yelling itself hoarse, Grainger was fairly hurled over the visitors' line by his team mates and the game had been won. In another moment more enthusiasm was displayed when Captain Smith kicked the ball fairly through the goal posts, making the score six to nothing.

The visitors then on the next kick off resorted to every kind of play in their efforts to overcome the lead of the locals, but they were unsuccessful, not having been able a single time during the game to make the required distance in the three downs. In the exchange of punts, and kicking was resorted to frequently in the second half, the teams were about evenly matched, but in everything else the visitors were outclassed by the locals.

The game ended with the ball in Wilmington's possession on Savannah's 40-yard line.

Both teams showed fine football ability, and the locals played a star game, every man having been in every play, while the work of Captain Smith, Grant and Grainger was of a sensational order, these players having made frequent gains by brilliant end runs and line plunges. For the visitors the playing and kicking of Mr. Edenfield, the full back was the feature.

The officials of the game were Messrs. Louis Belden and Joe Wilkinson, umpire and referee; Preston Cumming, Jr., linesman and Burke Bridgers, time keeper.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Wilmington—Jacobs, c; Terry, rg; Newkirk, lg; Grant, W., rt; Williams, lt; Parsley, re; Grainger, le; Smith, (Capt.) qb; Grant, R., lhb; Nine, rhb; Peschau, fb.

Savannah—Rosenhof, c; Jacobson, lg; Craig, lt; Doty, le; Dowling, rg; Davis, rt; Donnelly, re; Berban, qb; Edenfield, fb; McCarthy, lhb; Almeeda, rhb.

It is to be regretted that the Wilmington team, after having worked hard throughout the Fall to furnish first-class football to the citizens of Wilmington, on account of the poor patronage accorded, find themselves behind in funds, and it means probably in the future that football will not be taken up with such enthusiasm by those interested in seeing the sport become popular in Wilmington.

Y. M. C. A. the Winner.

The All-College team was defeated at basket ball by the Y. M. C. A. on the court of the latter last night in the building on North Front street, the score having been 18 to 11. The teams lined up as follows: Collegians, B. Newkirk, centre; B. Houston and R. Houston, forwards; J. Wilkinson and Victor Grainger, guards. Y. M. C. A., Stevens, centre; Hanson and Fales, forwards; Burkhardt and McClelland, guards.

Music at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today at 3:30. Cars every half hour. **

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GRAND STAND PLAYS.

We do not understand why Bryan and two score of other prominent men of the country should have tried to secure a little cheap notoriety by telegraphing their sympathy to Gompers and his two friends who have been sentenced to jail for contempt of court in the matter of violating an order of a federal judge on the circuit court bench. The matter is still pending in the court on appeal and it strikes us that Colonel Bryan and his hoste of friends would show up in better light had they put off their telegrams of sympathy and condolence until after the case had been finally determined. To take such action at the present time looks too much like an effort on the part of the men sending the telegrams to attempt to bring public sentiment into play to influence the members of the court who have to pass as judges of the appellate court on the decision of the lower court in the matter of the imprisonment of the parties declared to be in contempt of the court. It is not for us or for any other layman to say whether or not the men should have been sent to jail. Whether they were guilty of contempt or not is a question entirely for the members of the court whose order they disobeyed and of the appellate court who will review the order of the lower court. We take it that these judges know the law and that they will decide the case according to the law. Gompers and his two friends could have escaped jail sentences. In refusing to do so by giving bond and appealing or depositing the amount of the fine and appealing they were evidently making a grandstand play before the whole country, and in rushing into print with their telegrams of sympathy Bryan and the many other senders of such telegrams are doing the same thing. It is not time yet for the public to begin its expressions of sympathy. It should wait to see what will be the final outcome of the case and whether or not Gompers and his two friends are not willingly going to jail, preferring such course to their discharge because of the public sympathy in their behalf they expect to gain by such course.

TAFT'S PANAMA TRIP.

Public attention is now divided between the White House in Washington and the cottage at Augusta of the President-elect. Those who are simply curious to know what Roosevelt will do next have their attention centered on the Washington residence. Those who are anxious to know what manner of appointments the incoming President will make are keeping their eyes on the Southern city; though they will hardly learn much from that locality until Taft gets back from his trip to Panama. He may have a surprise for them when he returns and lets the public know—if he will do so—what he learned about the conditions on the Isthmus. Rumor has it that the President-elect's trip is for the purpose of finding out for himself what are the true conditions on the canal zone and how the work is coming on. There have been a good many rumors about that Gatun dam foundation giving way. Some reports are to the effect that the Government experts have found they have made a mistake in the plan of the canal and that, in the end it will have to be made a sea-level waterway. Of course these are simply rumors, and Taft's trip to the canal zone may have nothing to do with them, but his announced determination to visit the works and inspect the same coming just as it does on the heels of the news that the foundation of this big dam had given way is enough to cause speculation, to say the least, as to the object of the President-elect's visit at this time. It will be rather unfortunate for the present and the succeeding administration should it be found that a mistake had been made in adopting the lock canal plan in preference to the sea-level system and that so much money had been spent on the work before the mistake had been found out and the decision made to adopt the other plan of construction. Because of the idea that Taft's trip to Panama has to do with this question of change of plan of construction his return will be awaited with great interest—really more on this account than because of the near approach of the announcement of his Cabinet.

"A PARCELS POST WEDGE."

Under the above heading we find the following editorial in yesterday's Charlotte Observer:

"Postmaster General Meyer's advocacy of parcels post service along rural free delivery routes from local points is meeting with favor in some quarters where its possibilities in relation to the future may not have been well considered. Once established at all, how can this service be prevented from taking a wider and wider range? It will furnish something of an undeniable convenience and there are powerful interests ready to further its spread by every means possible. If the government subsidizes the Charlotte merchant against the village or cross-roads merchant—and increasing the losses of a heavily losing branch of the postal service primarily for his benefit would constitute a subsidy—how can it long be prevented from subsidizing the New York and Chicago merchant against the Charlotte merchant in turn? Generally speaking we favor as nearly direct relations between producers as possible and would avoid economic waste of numerous intermediate profits, but when relations can be made more direct only by the whole people's government interfering against any worthy class of its citizens and at the same time fostering the already unwholesome concentration of business in great cities we find our course perfectly clear in the matter."

It is a very pertinent question. When this thing is once begun for the benefit of the favored few where are you going to put a stop to it?

AMBASSADOR FROM CHINA.

We suppose it is for the purpose of stimulating trade with China that our Government consents to the raising of the Chinese representative at Washington from a "minister" to an "Embassador." This will put China a head of several of the European nations. If we are not mistaken, Mexico and four of the powers of Europe alone are represented by Ambassadors at the "court of Washington." When China's representative is made an Ambassador instead of a Minister plenipotentiary et cetera he will, we suppose, out-rank the representatives of those countries whose officials at Washington are not Ambassadors. We wonder how Italy, Holland, Belgium and other such European nations along with the Latin American Republicans will like the idea of the Chinese representative being put over their ministers? There will probably be some friction over the settling of the precedence of the representatives of the different nations; but if China makes the American representative at Pekin an Ambassador we suppose there is nothing for our Government to do but to raise the representative of that Government at Washington from a Minister to an Ambassador.

Of course Uncle Sam should pay the expense of preserving the animals and birds Roosevelt kills in the Jungles of Africa. The then ex-President will be given the pick of the work of the Government experts who will follow him through Africa in order that the Government may get such of the results of the hunt as he does not care to keep for himself or to give to his friends as trophies of his memorable expedition.

The citizens of several cities and towns in the State are already talking about having the legislature establish medical dispensaries for their benefit. We thought the people of the State decided last Spring by a big majority to establish prohibition all over the State. If there are going to be such exceptions made, why should there not be a general law? If we are going to have prohibition let's have it and give the law a thorough test. That's the only way to do.

We hope the sheriffs and other county officers will make up their minds to see that the prohibition law in the State is enforced. It will be up to the State officers now to enforce the law because of the decreased number of Federal officers. We want to see the State men do their duty, and we hope there will be no fault found with them in this matter.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—With the cotton crop practically all marketed, the question of weather now plays but an unimportant part in the calculations of the cotton trade except insofar as good rains and even cold weather would have a beneficial effect in preparing the lands for next season's operations. The crop is practically all gathered, and, if all accounts are to be believed, the great bulk of it is ginned—in fact, there being much less still to be ginned than is usual at this season of the year.—New Orleans Picayune.

—Given one foundation fact; a statistical expert; a pencil and a piece of paper, and you may prove or disprove whatever you desire. Knowing this, Mr. Carnegie, speaking under oath, told the Committee of Ways and Means, commenting on some figures given to show the cost of production: "As for figures, I know they lie. There are more ways of figuring costs than of skinning a cat." To get at the truth Mr. Carnegie advised the seekers after tariff knowledge to use their brains and consider results. As a pointer he observed that "the last report of the Steel Corporation showed earnings of $158,000,000, which meant a profit of $15.50 a ton." That was a clincher.—Philadelphia Record.

—The Washington Herald endorses the logic and consistency of this paper's position on the Tariff, but qualifies that recognition by remarking that "the Virginian-Pilot speaks for the Old South, not for the new." And we consider the qualification as enhancing the value of the compliment. Perhaps the Southern people are absorbing and are doomed to assimilate that spirit of commercialism which measures everything by its value in dollars and cents, but no word of ours will consciously tend to speed the day of transformation. The social, political and business standards which gave a distinctive character to the civilization of the South are, in our opinion, immeasurably superior to those now insistently profered us in exchange. The men who professed and practiced them were of higher statue than can be bred by prostration before the altars of Mammon. Even were it true, which it is not, that an essential price of material prosperity is the sacrifice of all things else to the pursuit of gold, we should hold that gain a loss.—Virginian-Pilot.

—The Gatun dam, which tumbled in the other days—the engineers with great presence of mind and much plausibility explained that they had expected it to fall in, and that, in fact, it is a nice thing for a dam to fall in, since the debris makes a good foundation—the Gatun dam, we say, is in a position of unconquerable stability compared with our protective-tariff wall, which visibly totters under the impact of public opinion, and is being rapidly undermined by swift currents of strange new opinion directed against its supporting strata by those who were formerly its vigilant guardians and defenders. When Mr. Taft, the Republican President-elect, and our neighbor, the Tribune-founded and long edited by that able arch-protectionist, Horace Greeley, unite in demanding a revision of the tariff that shall no longer fool the people, but shall protect them from extortion; unite in demanding, we may say, a fair and just measure of protection, it must be evident to the least observant minds that we have entered upon a new era, and that momentous changes impend.—New York Times.

—Senator Teller's letter to Morton Frewen is a good example of the logic of a man who starts with certain preconceived ideas and reasons from them in entire independence of facts. For thirty years the Senator has had a strong conviction that a lowering of the price of silver must diminish the purchasing power of half of mankind; upset our exportations, particularly those of England into Asia, and culminate in a panic. As a matter of fact, the lowering of the price of silver has had no such results. The purchasing power of the Asiatic half of mankind has kept steadily increasing; the foreign trade of Japan has increased tenfold in thirty years, that of India has at least quintupled, and even China buys and sells three times as much abroad as she did in 1878. The only approach to panic which has been known during these thirty years has been due solely to the action of natural forces—drouths and floods. Then the Senator asks is there not proof that not only during the last year, but during the last thirty years, the destruction of the old parity of 15 1-2 to 1 between the two metals has had as its result exceptional activity in the manufacturing industry of Asia, and in consequence disastrous competition for the white workmen of Europe? As a matter of fact the only Asiatic competition which has made any impression on European trade has been that of Japan, whose currency is firmly established on a gold basis and whose prevalent rate of wages keeps steadily growing.—Journal of Commerce.

TWINKLINGS.

—"They say that Cholly has lost his mind." "Is that so? Does he know it?"—Boston Courier.

—Her—Why on earth did you ever marry me? Him—Oh, don't be so bromidic! That's what everybody asks.—Cleveland Leader.

—First United States Senator—What is a blind partisan? Second United States Senator—One who doesn't know the color of money.—Life.

Algy—Myrtle, what are your objections to marrying me? Myrtle—I have only one objection, Algy. I'd have to live with you.—Chicago Tribune.

—Patient—Doctor, what do you call this fever of mine? Doctor (looking at clinical thermometer)—Well, I'd call it a bargain—103 reduced to 98.—The Wasp.

—Hyker—I attended a successful sleight-of-hand performance last night. Pyker—So? Hyker—Yes, I lent a conjurer a counterfeit dollar and he gave me back a good one.—Chicago News.

—Judge—You have not yet established the prisoner's insanity. Attorney—But, Your Honor, we mean to introduce witnesses to show that the prisoner habitually argues politics with women.—Puck.

—Ellison—Halloa, dear boy, you look very sad this morning. What's the trouble? Green—I've just undergone a most annoying operation. Ellison—What was it? Green—I had my allowance cut off.—Tit-Bits.

—Employer—Why were you discharged from your last place? Applicant—For good behavior. Employer—What do you mean by that? Applicant—They took three months off my sentence.—Cleveland Leader.

—"Man will eventually go by rail from the Atlantic to the Pacific in two days." "I once did it in five hours and then kicked about the slow time." "Where, pray, did this happen?" "In Panama."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—Hardup—I'll never go to that restaurant again. The last time I was there a man got my overcoat, and left his in its place. Welloff—But the proprietor wasn't to blame, was he? Hardup—No; but I might meet the other man!—Stray Stories.

MORE ROADS IN SOUTH.

Construction on Such Enterprises as Were Financed Before Panic.

(Special to Washington Post.)

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—In publishing this week its annual review of railroad construction in the South, the Manufacturers' Record says:

"The total number of miles constructed during 1908 in the South, including Missouri and Oklahoma, was 1,760 miles. Last year there were more than 3,300 miles built. In the South proper—that is, leaving out Missouri and Oklahoma—there were 1,682 miles built in 1908; last year it was 2,987 miles. This is the lowest record of new construction in the South for many years, but the prospect for next year is that 3,256 miles will be constructed, although this may be exceeded if more encouragement is given to the building of railroads.

"The amount of construction by the big railroad corporations was extraordinarily small. Several of them reported no building at all, while those that did anything accomplished nothing more than the fulfillment or partial fulfillment of work already undertaken.

"The Atlantic Coast Line, the Central of Georgia, the Kansas City Southern, the Mobile and Ohio, the St. Louis Southwestern, and the Texas and Pacific railroads, for instance, reported absolutely nothing during 1908, and nothing in prospect for 1909. The Seaboard Air Line, the Missouri Pacific, the Chesapeake & Ohio, and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railways reported only a mile or two built at various points. On the Baltimore & Ohio, also, there was practically nothing done. Many smaller companies, which usually build each year from 10 to 25, or even more, miles of railroad, also shut down on work, except maintenance.

"Notwithstanding the depression, work was vigorously prosecuted on such new enterprises as were financed before the panic, like the Virginia Railway, the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio, the Florida East Coast Extension, the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, the Georgia & Florida, the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, and the Missouri & North Arkansas railroads. The latter, the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic, and the Virginian, were practically completed by the work done this year.

"The Virginia Air Line, a new connecting road in Virginia, 30 miles long, was also finished. The Texas Traction Company, a new electric railway, and the longest of its kind in the South, was completed from Dallas to Sherman, Tex., 63 miles. The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, the Georgia & Florida, and the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railways all have considerable work in prospect for next year.

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By Rail and Water

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—The Virginian Railway now nearing completion form Deepwater, Va., to Norfolk, a distance of 442 miles, has placed orders for 1,500 steel coal cars and passenger carrying equipment. This information has been given out by Raymond Dupuy, vice president and general manager, on his return from New York. Dupuy also said there is nothing in the rumor that he is to succeed H. H. Rogers as president of the road.

William Schirmer is suing the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston for damages of $1,795 because he alleges that in June he was put off a train at Salem, the conductor refusing to accept mileage from his 1,000-mile book, and because the station agent at Cades had refused to sell him a railroad ticket in exchange for his mileage strip. This case is of interest, as it is the first of the kind in South Carolina to test the mileage book regulations of the railroad.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—Special Master Robert M. Hughes, Jr., who yesterday examined into the advisability of the issueance of Norfolk and Southern Railway receivership certificates to the extent of $1,000,000 for the improvement of the road, will recommend to Judge Waddill next week that the issue be directed. The Norfolk and Southern reorganization committee and all others interested in the road are unanimously agreed that the issueance of the certificates is desirable. A large part of the proceeds from the sale of the certificates will be devoted to the completion of the five-mile railway bridge across Albemarle Sound, one of the longest bridges in the world.

An item worth while sent out from Chicago is that under a new contract between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Pullman Company, the latter will pay for the first time in its history, says the Charlotte Chronicle, a railroad company for the privilege of running its rolling stock on its lines. The Pullman is to furnish the Pennsylvania 500 all-steel sleeping and parlor cars, to be delivered early in 1910. The Pullman Company will pay the railroad $700 a year for each car. The Pennsylvania manages to keep ahead of all the railroads in the country, in progressiveness, and especially is this true of its open sale system of the mileage book.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Corporation Counsel Thomas today modified his opinion, given about a month ago, that the Union Station restaurant would have to serve negroes in the same manner as they served whites. This order has been followed by a tendency among the negroes of Washington to assert their "rights" and force their way into restaurants patronized exclusively by whites and into the cheaper theatres in the sections of the house where white people are seated. The modification of the opinion today consists of a decision by the corporation counsel that the Union Station restaurant managers were entirely within their rights in insisting that the negroes be served at a secluded table.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Reports from all parts of the South indicate a gradual revival of business conditions, both in industrial and commercial lines. There are also signs that railroads are beginning to spend money more freely for improvements. A considerable amount of railroad work suspended during the panic of last year, is now being taken up and carried forward, though the aggregate is still small compared with the need for railroad expansion and the improvement of existing lines. The Seaboard Air Line has just received authority to issue over $4,000,000 of receivers' certificates in order to carry out improvement work along its system from Norfolk to Florida, including rails, roadway improvement, rolling stock and betterment of terminal facilities.

It was made known last week that after the Pennsylvania Railroad has advanced further with its terminal station and other improvements in New York, work will be started on a bridge from Port Morris to Queens, L. I. The bridge as planned in many respects is one of the most daring and remarkable engineering structures ever proposed. With the approaches it will be three miles long, and span the Hell Gate Ship Channel with an enormous arch 1,000 feet in the clear The entire bridge, except the piers for the arch, will be of steel, having an estimated weight of 80,000 tons. The novel feature of the plans is that the train floor of the bridge, instead of resting on the crown of the arch, is to be hung from it. The crown will be 300 feet above the water and the floor 140 feet, enabling the largest steamers to pass under. The bridge will be four tracks, two for passenger trains and two for freight, and is designed for live loads on each of the tracks of two 190-ton locomotives, followed by a uniform load of 5,000 pounds per linear foot. The floor carried by the arch will have deep girders under the tracks and cross beams at the posts interlaced with diagonal bracing.

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TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

Western North Carolina Man Has Project for Great Trunk Railroad From the West—Wilmington as Deep Seaport.

The Star has received from time to time several communications from Col. S. A. Jones, president of the South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railroad Company, with headquarters at Waynesville, N. C., asking the co-operation of Wilmington in a project which may mean much to the development of the city as a great seaport.

Col. Jones was a great factor in the development of Port Tampa, Fla., and enjoyed the co-operation and support of such eminent men as the late H. B. Plant, Mr. Henry M. Flagler and others. He was largely interested in the movement to construct the Nicaraguan canal until the National government took up the work at Panama and is one of the men who contributed so much toward building up the great State of Florida until forced by ill health to seek the fine mountain climate around Waynesville, with which he was so delighted that he has adopted North Carolina as his State. Having made up his mind to live in North Carolina until he crosses the Great Divide, Col. Jones has set about to pay his adopted State a debt of deep gratitude and began with a study of the possibilities of the Panama Canal with respect to North Carolina. Thoroughly conversant with the South Atlantic coast, Col. Jones has seen that the State is in need of one great seaport, second only to Norfolk to the north of Hatteras, for the development of her vast resources in forests, minerals, water powers, etc. She cannot expect to reach that high state of manufacturing development, especially in the mountains, without a direct, independent line of railroad from the coal fields to a deep water terminal. A glance at the world map, he found, showed that a plumb line hung at Wilmington would drop into the very mouth of the Panama Canal. He then stuck a pin in the map at Wilmington and stretched a cord west to San Francisco and found that it ran right through Rutherfordton, Asheville and Waynesville, N. C., and on through valuable iron and coal deposits in Tennessee and right on through the centre of American population over a line nearly a hundred miles shorter for coal and commerce to deep water to meet Panama Canal ships, than over any other possible line that has ben or can hereafter be constructed after the Transcontinental is built. Col. Jones saw that it was practicable to build this line and that it was a necessity for the development of western Carolina and eastern Tennessee and the northern half of South Carolina, and an economic provider for coal for the entire Carolinas. These facts justified his making an effort to put in a line of railway from the Tennessee coal and iron mines and the North Carolina mines in Transylvania county across the entire State to deep water at Wilmington and Southport, calling it the South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railroad, and to Greenville for connection with Charleston and Port Royal. Col. Jones says that such a line would supply every part of this State with coal cheaper by not less than $20 a car and to deep water at Wilmington and Southport for the American Navy and for ships doing a world's commerce by way of the Panama Canal from 50c to $1 a ton cheaper than it could possibly be received at any port on the continent, opening a market for every product of Tennessee and North Carolina to the eastern world. And when coupled with great western roads for connection beyond Knoxville and the Tennessee coal fields, it would constitute and actually be the shortest trnas-continental railroad that could be built across the continent.

Colonel Jones saw that our present system of roads principally run in main lines North and South and that their long hauls were North and South, broken only between Tampa, Fla., and New York, at Jacksonville, at Savannah, at Charleston and at Norfolk and they were all maintaining and increasing costly water terminal facilities at these points and for them to establish a great harbor in North Carolina, that would be practically in the middle of their long haul, would be detrimental to their long haul traffic, consequently they would have no great interest in helping to establish another seaport, while a great trunk line direct from the great central west will largely increase their business and merit their co-operation without their having to increase their operating expenses or increase their terminals. Hence the hope of the whole State lay in the development of a great seaport in North Carolina.

Colonel Jones presented his plan for this great independent line to the last session of the State Legislature upon an equitable basis by which the State would guarantee the interest on the bonds to be taken by foreign capitalists, but the panic came on and the plans for this great enterprise had to be abandoned. It is understood that with the restoration of normal conditions, he will again enter upon the work of consummating his great project and in the meantime will bend all the large influence which he exerts towards the 30-foot project from Wilmington to sea. It is likely that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will later take up the matter and assure the Trans-Continental of the hearty co-operation of Wilmington people in the building of the line considerable progress upon which has already been made by Colonel Jones with the generous support of the people of Western North Carolina, and of Tennessee.

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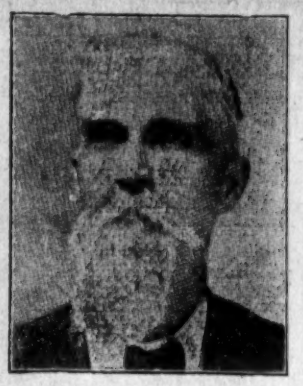

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BETTER WATERWAYS

Mr. D. L. Gore, Representing Cotton Manufacturers, Makes Interesting Report of Recent National Harbors Congress.

Mr. D. L. Gore, of this city, chairman of the committee representing the Cotton Manufacturers' Association at the recent National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, has made a most interesting report of that great assembly to Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte. Mr. Gore's report is as follows:

Wilmington, Dec. 14th, 1908.

Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., President, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:—As per your request I attended the rivers and harbors convention on the 9th instant at Washington, D. C. I got there in time to attend the opening Wednesday and stayed until 11 P. M. Thursday, or rather, I left the convention hall at that time but left the city at 4:20 A. M. on the 11th. I should have stayed to have heard the reports on the morning of the 11th, but a telegram from home reminded me that I ought to be there.

Vice Pres. Fairbanks made the opening speech, which was splendid. He spoke from notes but the matter was good. Every talk I heard was good, but the ones that impressed me as being the best were Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri; Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois; Governor Deneen, of Illinois; Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; Mr. C. P. Goodyear, of Georgia; Governor Broward, of Florida, and Hon. Jas. H. Davidson, of Wisconsin.

The matter was discussed from the point of view of navigation, irrigation, reforestation and mechanical power as well as from a financial and political point of view. Mr. Cannon and Mr. Clark, being one Speaker and the other minority leader of the House of Representatives, of course spoke somewhat from a financial point of view, with its bearing on politics, and both made some very good points. As viewed from the inside ,they must look at the matter from the financial or raising-the-money idea, and last, but not least, from the re-election or going-back-to-Congress side. Each of them gave us to understand it would take time to work up a large matter like this; that the people must be thoroughly educated up to the idea before we could have them approve a large bond issue for continuous large appropriations. Mr. Cannon did not promise any big things but said when Mr. Burton and his committee on appropriations approved the project he would do all he could to have it passed. Mr. Clark spoke along the same line and seemed equally willing to help us when we formed a sane and safe common sense measure that the country could endorse.

Mr. Garfield endorsed the measure and made an excellent talk on the matter along general lines. All the other speakers approved the measure; some very enthusiastically and wanted at least a five hundred million bond issue and wanted it now. Others wanted the project carried out but did not name the amount of the bond issue or point out the way it should be done.

Our waterways from our great harbors to our most remote rivers should be improved so as to get the best results from them. Germany, I think, utilizes its harbors and rivers to the greatest extent of any nation; and France utilizes her rivers and harbors to a great extent and has more canals than Germany and in fact more canals (according to size, except Holland) than any country in the world. Both France and Germany are as well or the best developed nations in the world and they have mastered the transportation problem, which one of our speakers said was the greatest and most important problem on earth, and I think he was right. Cheap freight rates are what the world needs.

Supose we could make 100 bushels of corn per acre and it took 50 cents per bushel to get it to market and the same rate in proportion to get return freight. It would pay better to live where the soil was much less fertile and freights cheaper.

Maj. E. J. Hale, who was chairman of the North Carolina delegation, told us they were preparing a bill to be introduced in Congress by which there would be a bond issue and continuous appropriations made from year to year, and when an appropriation was made for an object and the work not done in one year the appropriation would be continuous from year to year until it was finished. Hence, no work would be started and allowed to wash away because it could not be finished.

What we want now is to educate public opinion. The Congressmen have their ears to the ground listening all right. Now we must get our people, and especially our more prominent people, to write their Senators and Representatives urging the matter, and while writing tell them their idea of the bill and those that have no definite idea of the drawing of the bill write anyway, and urge them to have the work done.

We should have had river and harbor appropriations on a larger scale long ago, and especially the continuous idea, so that when a work is started it can be pushed from year to year and completed as quickly and economically as possible. It should not be a matter of policy but strictly business, and we should do all possible to see that good common sense workers should be kept in Congress as long as possible. The longer a man stays there the more efficient he will be, if he is the right kind of man.

Mr. Godwin, Mr. Small and Mr. Thomas, among the Congressmen, and both Senators called on us at the hall and seemed alive to our project. Our members were invited to a reception at Vice President Fairbanks'. Mr. Mercer and myself of our North Carolina delegation, attended and had a pleasant time. I heard all of the speeches on the programme and one or two that were not down on the programme, one of which was by the president of the Woman's Rivers' and Harbors' Convention.

I had a pleasant and I hope a profitable stay, and think more of our people should attend these meetings, and especially more of our representative men should attend.

Yours truly,
D. L. GORE.

GRAFTING.

A Lesson In Horticulture With One Serious Omission.

My neighbor Brown came to the garden fence and said:

"How do you do your grafting?"

"My grafting?" said I.

"Yes—grafting apple trees. I want to try it myself."

"Oh!" I exclaimed. "Yes, yes! Well, in the first place, I begin by lying—that is, I lie in bed to think the whole thing out in every detail. I watch my opportunity, and on the first fine day I steal a few hours from my business. Then I borrow a saw—a steel one—and with it I rob the tree upon which I want to graft of some of its larger branches. This I try to do in such a way that the loss of the branches will not be noticed. These limbs should not be left lying—that is, lying on the ground. They are unsightly and may attract the attention of passersby. They should be hustled behind the latticework screen at once. So far so good. Now, let me see—oh, yes! I rob another tree of a few twigs having buds on them and insert them in the ends of the sawed branches on the tree. Then I take some beeswax and tallow and melt them together. This must be thoroughly mixed. Work it for all you're worth to make it pliable. Finally with this I try to hide all appearance of the graft, from sunlight and air, and there you are—the job is done."

"I see," said Brown, "and I think I'm foxy enough to do the trick the first time trying. Many thanks."

Shortly after I heard Brown telling his wife how I explained the process. This is the way he had it:

"First," he says, "you must be a good liar; then you watch your chance and steal a half day from the company's time; then you steal a saw; then you defraud the tree of some branches, which you must hide, so nobody will get on; then you rob somebody's tree of twigs, put them in the ends of the branches and cover your tracks with beeswax and tallow."

Said Brown's wife: "I don't think that man can be trusted. He has two kinds of grafting mixed, and, besides, he didn't tell you where to steal the apple trees."—Judge.

A LACING.

The Result of Little Edwin's Questions and Comments.

"Say, maw!"

"Well, what?"

"How do they get holes in lace?"

"Why, they make the lace round the holes, my son."

"But it ain't lace without it's got holes, is it, maw?"

"No, Edwin."

"Well, how do they get the holes in the lace they put round the holes to make the lace, then?"

"Child, you will yet drive me to distraction."

"Where do they get the holes, maw?"

"Why, the holes are just air."

"Oh, they're air holes?"

"I suppose so."

"Well, there's air holes in paw's hat. Does that make it a lace hat?"

"No, no, no!"

"A Swiss cheese has holes in it. Does that make it a Swiss lace?"

"Hold your fool tongue! Do you hear?"

"Didn't you say all lace had holes, maw?"

"Yes."

"Well, I've got shoe laces, but they ain't got no holes in 'em."

"Leave the room and permit me to finish 'Lady Lingerie's Lost Lover; or, How Lord Lumbago Was Lured Away by a Lissom Little Lallapalaza of a Lacemaker.'"

"Maw, kin you make lace?"

"No, Edwin; that is not one of my accomplishments."

"I didn't think you could, maw. Mrs. Knockenberger said you was so fat lacing wouldn't do you any good."

But "maw" wasn't too fat to give Edwin a lacing that did him some good.—Chicago Journal.

His Cough Cure.

"In my boyhood there came to our town," said a clergyman, "a gentle minister who, the very first Sunday of his incumbency, stopped effectually his coughing congregation.

"It was a congregation, too, singularly addicted to coughing. Rattling volleys of coughs ran over it every few minutes. The minister, indeed, that first Sunday could hardly make himself heard. He had rather a weak voice.

"Well, after his sermon had proceeded for ten or twelve minutes, now audible enough, now drowned under great waves of coughs, he took a resolution, and when the next outbreak was at its height he ceased preaching.

"At once the coughing ceased. There was a profound silence. The minister smiled.

"'My friends,' said he, 'it seems that when I stop you stop.'

"From that day in that church they coughed no more."

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FINED A FRANC.

What That Meant to an American Who Was Living In Paris.

When you are fined a franc in Paris it means that you pay 12 francs 73 centimes, or just over half a sovereign. This is the only conclusion to which one can come after reading the curious experience of an American citizen who is staying in Paris to complete the education of his sons. He lives in an apartment near the Arc de Triomphe, and the other morning one of his servants committed the imprudence of shaking a carpet out of the window after 9 o'clock. A lynx eyed constable saw her and immediately climbed the stairs, rang the bell, entered the apartment and drew up a summons against the tenant. The American was called and gave his name.

"I did not know it was a breach of the law," he said. "But as I have broken it I must pay. How much is it?"

"You will be fined 1 franc," replied the policeman.

"There you are," answered the American, and he held out the coin.

But the "agent" refused to take it.

"Later on," he remarked as he withdrew, "you will be summoned before the justice of the peace."

Some days later the delinquent was invited to appear before the "juge de paix" and obeyed the summons. He was obliged to wait three hours in an antechamber. Then he was admitted.

"Do you admit," asked the magistrate, "having broken the law?"

"I do," was the reply.

"Good. You are fined 1 franc."

"There you are, then." And the American again held out the franc.

But the magistrate would have none of it.

"You will pay the sum later. You will be advised when. You may withdraw."

The American took his departure, considerably surprised at so many formalities in connection with a franc fine. A few days later he received a stamped paper inviting him to pay, first of all, 1 franc, the amount of his fine, plus 25 centimes, the amount of the decimes, plus 11 francs 48 centimes, the amount of the costs, making in all a total of 12 francs 73 centimes. The American paid, but as he left the police court he remarked:

"In America a law which forced a citizen to pay $12 when he had only been fined $1 would be considered a hypocritical and dishonest law. And we would not tolerate it long, you bet!"—London Globe.

HE HAD TO PAY.

Half a Dollar That the Traveling Man Hated to Spend.

"The 50 cents I hated most to spend," said the traveling man, "went to the Canadian Pacific railroad. I don't mind paying for things I get, but this particular expenditure couldn't be indorsed 'for value received.'

"A number of us got into St. John, N. B., one night just in time to catch the night train for Boston. We got aboard only to learn that the train didn't carry a diner. Now, a long night ride without dinner isn't a pleasant prospect, so we besieged the conductor.

"'Why don't you start on the Montreal, which pulls out just ahead of us?' he said. 'It carries a diner, and we can pick you up at Frederickton Junction.'

"'No danger of your passing us?' we asked, and he assured us that he couldn't very well, as there was only one track. So we all piled out after leaving our baggage in our Pullman berths.

"It was surely a fine scheme we thought as we dined at our leisure in the Montreal train. After dinner we sought the nearest smoking compartment in a sleeping car and prepared to wait in comfort for Frederickton Junction.

"Then along comes a much uniformed official and demands 50 cents each for the privilege of eating a meal and having a smoke aboard his train. We explained carefully that we belonged on the other train, had given up the price for Pullman berths, and, furthermore, that we had been sent aboard this train for the sole purpose of getting our dinner. 'Didn't the Canadian Pacific run both trains?' we asked.

"But it was no use. We had to pay."—Washington Post.

Bismarck's Appetite.

Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor, had an enormous capacity for eating and drinking. He once told a friend that the largest number of oysters he ever ate was 175. He first ordered twenty-five; then, as they were very good, fifty more, and, consuming these, determined to eat nothing else and ordered another hundred to the great amusement of those present. Bismarck was then twenty-six and had just returned from England.

Classified.

One-third of the fools in this country think they can beat the lawyer in expounding the law, one-half think they can beat the doctor at healing the sick, two-thirds of them think they can beat the minister in preaching the gospel, and all of them know that they can beat the editor in running the newspaper.—London Tit-Bits.

Shameless.

Persons belonging to the higher walks of life are to be seen promenading in short jackets and chimneypot hats without the slightest symptom of awkwardness or shame.—London Tailor and Cutter.

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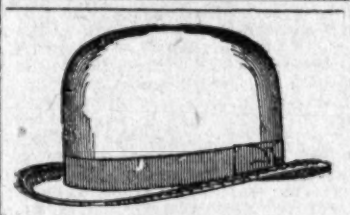

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	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:13 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:08 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..,	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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FROM WILMINGTON.

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SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:45, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

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WINTER SCHEDULE
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HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS
IN SOCIETY
By M. H.

Miss Mildred Smith, who has been attending school in Washington, is home for the holidays.

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Mr. Earl Crosswell and Mr. Lewis Belden have returned from the University to spend Christmas.

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Miss Rosa Heath, of Petersburg, Va., will arrive Wednesday evening to visit Miss Helen Strange for several days.

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Mrs. William Butler, nee Miss Isabel Black, is in the city, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews.

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Mr. Glenn Kenly left the city on Tuesday last for Baltimore, Md., where he has gone to spend Christmas with relatives.

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Miss Jennie Crane is a welcome visitor to the city for the Yuletide season, where she is a guest of Miss Thurber Gore.

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Friends of Mr. Walker Meares, whose headquarters are now in South Carolina, are delighted to see him here for the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and family arrived in the city during the past wek and are now at their home, "Airlie," on Wrightsville Sound.

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Mrs. Frank D. Young, who has been absent from Wilmington for the past several months, has returned to the city, where she is being cordially welcomed by her many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bacon and little son, Master Kenly Bacon, have arrived in the city from Boston to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bacon's father, Mr. John R. Kenly.

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Miss Annette Munds, who has been attending the Greensboro State Normal, is in the city for the holidays, much to the pleasure of her many friends here.

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Mr. E. M. Wilson, of Haverford, Pa., arrived during the past week to spend the holidays with his wife, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green, on Third street.

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Messrs. Herbert and Empie Latimer arrived on Monday last from New York City, where they are attending Columbia University, to spend Christmas as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Lattimer.

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Mrs. Harry G. Latimer, Jr., and infant son, Master Harry Gould Latimer, 3rd, left on Tuesday last for Auburn N. Y., after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Latimer's mother, Mrs. George N. Harriss.

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Friends of Mr. James Gause, who has been absent from the city for several months, engaged in work at Ferguson, S. C., were glad to welcome him back to Wilmington during the past week.

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Mr. Sydney McDonald, of the A. & M., Mr. Sam Royall and Mr. J. V. Grainger, Jr., who have also been absent for the Fall session of their respective colleges, are in the city for the holidays.

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Miss Louise Beery has issued invitations for a bridge party on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Miss Beery's reputation as a hostess assures her guests of a most delightful afternoon.

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Mr. Chas. Borden, of Richmond, arrived during the past week to join his wife for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Borden are visiting Mrs. Borden's parents, Col. and Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor, on Orange street.

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An important meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 5th, at 3 o'clock, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. A large attendance is most earnestly desired.

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Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ladson Mills, of Greenville, S. C., were delighted to see them in the city for a couple of days during the past week when they returned to spend the holidays with Mrs. Mills' mother, Mrs. Roger Moore.

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Mr. Robert Cantwell, who has been absent from Wilmington since last Summer, engaged in work in the western part of the State, after which he visited relatives in Chattanooga, are glad to see him in Wilmington again, where he has returned for the holidays.

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Miss E. Fullarton Smith, daughter of Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, New Hill Manse, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, a cousin of Messrs. J. S. and L. H. Burnett and Mrs. Henry E. Bonitz, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bonitz on Princess street.

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Miss Jessie LaMotte, of Sumter, S. C., has joined her sister, Miss Susie LaMotte, who is now a resident of Wilmington, and will visit here for several weeks. Miss LaMotte has a number of old friends in Wilmington who will be delighted to know of her presence here.

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Miss Dell Sutton, of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thompson, Miss Nora Thompson and Miss Mary Thompson, of Baltimore, will arrive today to attend the Covington-Thompson nuptials, to take place on Wednesday evening. Other guests will arrive later in the week.

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Friends of Mr. Jno. Giles, now of Charlotte, were delighted to see him in the city during the past week, where he arrived to spend Christmas. Mr. Jno. S. Calvert, of the same city, was also here for the holidays and was cordially welcomed by his many friends.

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Mr. John B. Munson, vice president of the Georgia, Southern and Florida Railroad Company, accompanied by his son, Horace, and daughter, Miss Alice Munson and Miss Beth Palmer and maid, will arrive in the city this morning on Mr. Munson's private car from Macon, Ga., and they will be guests at the home of Mr. Munson's brother, Mr. E. H. Munson, in this city.

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Miss Lenora Cantwell was the hostess of a very attractive though informal tea on Saturday afternoon, given complimentary to Miss Ellis, of New Orleans, and Mrs. B. Maurice Chiswell, of Washington, D. C. The parlors were prettily decorated with the usual holiday greens and flowers and tempting refreshments were served to the few friends present.

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Miss Nell Ellis, of New Orleans, is the attractive guest of Miss Madeline DeRosset, on Second street, where she will visit for a couple of weeks. Miss Ellis is very pleasantly remembered here as having formerly been Miss DeRosset's guest, and her return to Wilmington has ben a source of much gratification and pleasure to those who knew her on the occasion of her former visit here.

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Among the young ladies who have returned from college to spend Christmas are the following: Miss Janie Jones, Miss Delamar Burbank, St. Mary's; Miss Sallie Wright, Baltimore; Miss Elise Kidder, Madame LeFevre's, Baltimore; Miss Annie Worth, Madeira's School, Washington, D. C.; Miss Duralde Borden and Miss Mary Crosswell, Agnes Scott Institute, Atlanta, Ga.

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The Misses Bridgers will entertain a large house-party at their home on Third street, commencing tomorrow. The guests will be Miss Ethel Hughes, of New York; Miss Ethel Gray, of Raleigh; Misses Margaret Boylin, Elisia Haywood and Mr. Herbert Haywood, of Raleigh; Mr. John Robinson, of Goldsboro; Mr. Percy Keene, of Chicago; Mr. E. R. Holmes, of Asheville, and Mr. Clement Satterwhaite, of Waynesville. Later in the week the Misses Bridgers' guests will be given a dance and a number of invitations have been sent ont to friends in the city.

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The many friends in this city of Mr. Thos. P. Hammer will be deeply interested to learn of his marriage on Saturday afternoon last, to Miss Athalia Lynch Dobson, of Philadelphia. The wedding took place in St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and immediately after the ceremony a beautiful reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hadley Dobson, after which the young couple left for a honeymoon trip to various places of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer will be at home to their friends in Wilmington at their attractive home at Carolina Heights, which has but recently been completed.

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The marriage of Miss Margaret Fyfe Brown, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Brown, and Mr. Horace Prince Reeves, which was solemnized on Tuesday last, was of much interest to their many friends in this city. In deference to the wishes of the bride and groom it was a quiet home wedding and only a few intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony, which was beautiful in its simplicty. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The groom had as his best man his brother, Mr. J. M. Reeves, of Atlanta, Ga., and the bride was given away by her father. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left via the A. C. L. for points of interest in Florida and in Western States. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends at 314 South Second street.

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One of New York's most original hostesses has devised a new social affair, the sit-on-the-floor tea. She bases her plea for it on comfort, but it is evident its novelty is the principal attraction in her eyes, as doubtless it will be in those of most of her friends. Telling of the new form of entertainment, she says: "My idea is simply that tea parties are much more comfortable, more unconventional and more delightful generally when the guests sit on the floor instead of on fragile, uncomfortable chairs. Recently I held in my house what was probably the first sit-on-the-floor tea party for grown-ups ever held. I warned the guests before hand what was expected of them, and they all agreed to do as I wished. Well, we sat on the floor in free, unconventional attitudes, and the cakes and cups of tea were handed to the guests as if they were sitting at table. The most astonishing effect of this curious tea party was that every man and woman present seemed to be far more willing to talk than usual, while one quiet, shy man was full of jokes and anecdotes. My experiment was a big success and I can thoroughly recommend other hostesses to give such tea parties a trial. I am convinced they will become the rage. In my opinion it is extremely resting and soothing to the mind to sit on the floor. One seems to cast off the cares and worries of life, and to be a child again, ready to listen to fairy stories."

The New Year

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NEWS OF LUMBERTON

Christmas Week Lively and Merchants Enjoyed Big Trade—Holiday Visitors to and From Robeson's Metropolis.

(Special Star Corespondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 26.—Christmas pased off very quietly and pleasantly here. The weather was too damp for much out-door sport, rain coming in showers during the day, and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon this section was visited by a regular Summer thunder storm, the thunder and lightning being accompanied by wind, hail and rain. This was followed by a fall in the temperature. Good order has prevailed throughout, nothing having occurred to mar the pleasure of anyone. The number of shoppers two days preceding Christmas kept all the merchants busy. Most of the merchants have been interviewed in regard to trade this year compared with last year, and with one single exception they all report satisfactory business, some reporting much increase over last year, some equally as good and some the best they ever had. The one exception stated that his business was considerably off from last year. In his case it is called to mind that last year he was a liberal advertiser in the local paper, while this season he has not advertised. All things considered, this Christmas should be regarded as a good one in every way here.

The Methodist and Baptist churches gave their Sunday School entertainments Wednesday night. The Sunday School of the Gospel Tabernacle enjoyed a Christmas tree last night. The Presbyterian Sunday School was entertained last night at the home of Superintendent M. G. McKenzie, and it is not often that a gathering of young people on similar occasions have an enjoyable time as did the Presbyterians last night. The singing by the school was highly enjoyed as was also the recitations, etc. An abundance of fruits and candies were distributed which was much enjoyed and all were delighted at the reception given them. The happiest hours of Mr. McKenzie's life is when he is doing something to make others happy.

Thursday night about 8 o'clock, when all the stores were crowded with shoppers, every electric light in town went out, causing much inconvenience for about an hour. No one regretted the trouble more than did Supt. McGuire, but it was one of those things that just will happen some times.

During a conversation this week in which several gentlemen were engaged, the opinion was expressed that it would be a conservative estimate to put the population of Robeson county at 50,000 people, and that during the ten days preceding Christmas there was delivered in the county enough liquor to give each person one-fifth of a gallon. The opinion was also expresed that enough had been delivered in Lumberton to give each inhabitant of the town one quart. If we mistake not, the population of this town is placed at about 3,000 people. In the prohibition election last May there were only six votes cast against the measure in Lumberton. Who used all the liquor brought in here during the last few days? Could the eight antis have done it?

Messrs. C. H. Morrow and T. J. Moore, of the Bank of Lumberton, spent Christmas with relatives, the former at Burlington, and the latter at Greenville——Mr. R. McA. Nixon, of the National Bank, left Wednesday night to spend a few days with his parents at Topsail——Mrs. L. C. Townsend and little son are spending some time with relatives at Morganton——Mr. O. Racy, bookkeeper for Caldwell & Carlyle, spent yesterday with his parents at Rowland——Mr. G. W. Pleasants, druggist for Messrs. J. D. McMillan & Son, left Thursday to visit his parents at Aberdeen——Mr. T. E. Petty, chief clerk to Mr. Beverly, Seaboard agent, spent Christmas with his parents at Cameron——Mr. Julian Pope and family, of Charlotte, and Mr. Henry Pope, of High Point, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Pope——Mr. F. P. Grey, bookkeeper at the office of the Lumberton Cotton Mills, is spending the holidays with relatives at Suffolk, Va. ——Mr. H. B. Jennings and family are visiting relatives at Spartanburg, S. C.——Mr. T. N. McDiarmid, a law student of Wake Forest College, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. V. P. McDiarmid.——Dr. David Humphrey, a student of the North Carolina Medical College, in Charlotte, is visiting his parents——Mr. H. C. Rancke, of Rockingham, spent Caristmas here with relatives——Dr. Jno. Knox, who went to his old home in Mecklenburg to spend Christmas, expects to return Monday.

One retail store in Lumberton took in over twelve hundred dollars Thursday. That does not sound like panic.

Coroner Rancke was notified last night of the killing in the afternoon at Elrod, on the Coast Line, of Martin McClellan, a negro, who it is said was walking on the track and is supposed to have been drunk.

We understand that Policeman Bridgers found it necessary to use his club on a man last night who was well loaded with booze and wanted his way about everything.

It is reported that with the close of the present year Mr. Adison E. White will withdraw from the McAllister Hardware Co. Mr. White's plans for the future have not been learned.

The society of the Associated Charities have done much real good work during Christmas, making several homes comfortable and happy, which would otherwise have been denied the pleasures thus afforded them.

Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield received a telegram yesterday evening informing him of the death at Laurinburg of his little grandchild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Shaw. The family left this morning for Laurinburg to attend the funeral which takes place today.

Contractor Claud Baker put men to work this morning enlarging and otherwise improving the office of Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle.

Dr. H. T. Pope, who has been spending some time in Richmond, where he was treated for injuries received in a runaway some time ago, returned home this week greatly improved.

Official notice was received yesterday of the appointment of Mr. Hardy M'White as carrier on R. F. D. Route No. 3, from Lumberton, to succeed the late Mr. Thos. W. McHargin. He has been acting substitute since the death of Mr. McHargin.

Kress' Will be Closed.

Tuesday morning, December 29th, when all employes will assemble the small lots of "left-overs" and any sightly soiled and damaged articles.

The store will open at 1 o'clock when "Inventory Tables" will be loaded with desirable 5 to 25c goods reduced to anywhere from 1 to 17c.

The 75 Kress stores will start the new year with a clean stock complete with up-to-date seasonable merchandise.

That is why you can buy goods at one-quarter to one-half the usual Kress price the fore part of this week before completion of Inventory, January 1st.

See Kress' Inventory Sale Tables. **

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Music at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today at 3:30. Cars every half hour. **

HONNET'S

Our Christmas stock is ready for inspection, and we advise you to call before the rush begins.

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THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
OF WILMINGTON

takes this method of extending to its wide circle of friends the assurance of its best wishes for their enjoyment of Christmas. :: :: :: :: ::

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THE
Southern National Bank

Extends its greetings to its patrons, and wishes all a happy Christmas.

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ALL NEED

A stimulant at sometime or another, therefore remember that January is not far off—and supply yourself while our stock of WINES AND LIQUORS is still complete and now selling at reduced prices.

Atlantic Cafe
GIESCHEN BROS. Props.
Opposite Union Depot
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NO FAMINE HERE

We have Beef, Veal, Mutton and Pork a plenty, also Dressed Turkey and Chickens for everyone.

Fancy Fruits of all kinds, domestic and foreign. Select Oysters a specialty. Vegetables of ALL KINDS in season.

Palace Market
Phone 72.
TRY US.
dec 24 tf

CLAIM CHECKS
given for your
BAGGAGE

See that you get one.
Quick Service.
City Livery
Phone 15.
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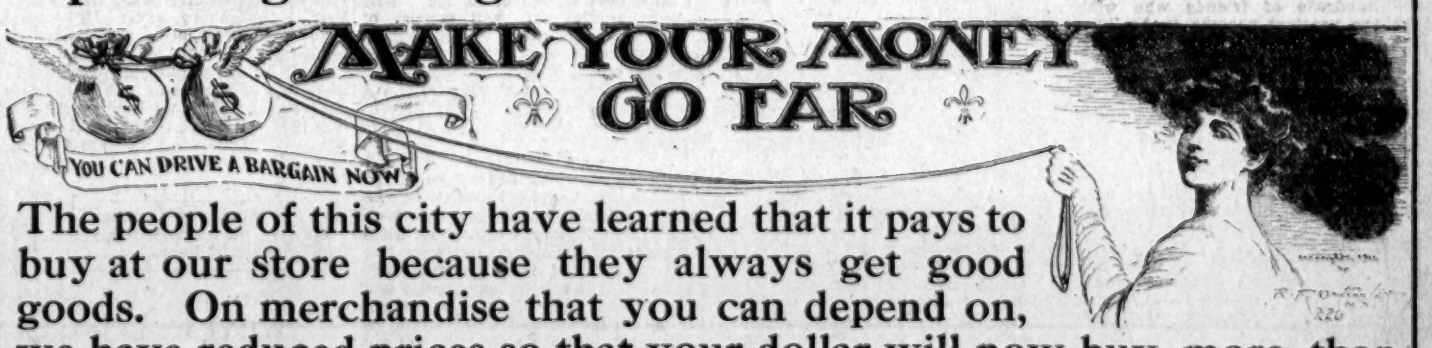
THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.
"The Store That's Always Busy."

With compliments of the season, we wish to thank our friends and patrons for their liberal support and patronage during 1908.



The people of this city have learned that it pays to buy at our store because they always get good goods. On merchandise that you can depend on, we have reduced prices so that your dollar will now buy more than a dollar's worth to you. Instead of packing away goods until next year we will sell them at short prices that will make your money go a long way.

Blankets and comforters reduced. Suits and cloaks reduced. Skirts and waists reduced. Underwear reduced.

Showing Spring Goods—During this week we will display our new embroideries, white goods and wash goods. Be among the first to see them.

The Morning Star.

Sunday, December 27, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 26:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 41 degrees; 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum 48 degrees; minimum 41 degrees; mean 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month 1.98 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Friday morning 35 feet and rapid rise in progress.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday and Monday, warmer Sunday; fresh southwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 27.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:52 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 10:45 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 1:12 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Jesse S. West and wife left yesterday for Savannah on a visit to relatives.

—Mrs. W. A. Penny left yesterday afternoon on a visit to relatives in Savannah.

—Mr. Chris. Pierce, a former popular resident, is spending the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. Theus Munds, of New York, city, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Munds.

—Mr. W. M. Collins, of Dale, S. C., is in the city to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

—Mrs. B. J. Hughes, of Norfolk, Va., is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. King.

—Mr. Luke DeVane left yesterday for Kerr, where he will visit with relatives and friends for a few days.

—Mr. N. Baxley and family leave this evening to visit Mr. Baxley's father near St. Paul's for about ten days.

—Miss Marguerite Short arrived last night and she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding for several days.

—Miss Maggie Fennell left yesterday morning for Kerr, where she will visit with her sister and other relatives a few days.

—Mr. Robert Cantwell, who now lives in Birmingham, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cantwell on Market street.

—Miss Lydia Benita Post arrived Tuesday from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore to spend the holidays with her parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. King, of Florence, S. C., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. King, in this city.

—Mr. James Charles Craft has arrived from Harvard University and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Craft.

—Dr. F. U. Lake, wife and daughter, of Florence, S. C., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fonveille, No. 218 North Second street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Stedman and children arrived last evening from Fayetteville and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carr, on South Second street.

—Alexander M. McClure, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived on Christmas eve to spend the holidays with his father, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., on North Fourth street.

—Mr. James F. Gause, Jr., who is with the Santee River Cypress and Lumber Company, of Ferguson, S. C., is at home to spend the holidays and has been most pleasantly received by his many friends in Wilmington.

—Mr. Robert E. Post, manager for the Fairbanks Co., Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. R. E. Post arrived Thursday and will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Post, No. 112 North Seventh street, this city.

—Mr. S. V. Bowen, who is pleasantly remembered by many Wilmington friends, is in the city to spend a part of the holidays. He is of the graduating class this year at the University of North Carolina, and will probably take up one of the professions next year.

—Mr. Harry Morris, a popular young Wilmingtonian, leaves today for South Rocky Mount where he will enter the Atlantic Coast Line shops to equip himself as a machinist. Harry is an exceptionally clever young man and has hundreds of friends who wish him the greatest success in his new home.

—Mr. W. L. Robbins, a well known Wilmington traveling man formerly with Mr. J. A. Taylor, but for the last few months with the Southern Express Company in this city, will travel after January 1st for the Peters Cartridge Company. His friends will be glad to know that he will continue his headquarters in Wilmington.

Death of a Boy.

Mr. William Casey of Delgado will have the sympathy of many friends in the death of his young son, Master Herbert, which occurred Christmas morning at the James Walker Memorial hospital, where he had been taken for treatment.

The funeral was held yesterday at 11 o'clock from the father's home in Delgado, being conducted by Elders White and Tucker of the Advent Christian church, and interment was made in Bellevue.

In order to advertise a new set of books a representative of one of the largest publishers of New York and London is giving away 40 sets of books. If you are building up your library and will send your address at once to "J." care of Star, you can have an opportunity at this. **

Baggage! Baggage! Baggage! To and from all trains. Orrell Livery Co., 'phone 47. 2t

LOCAL DOTS.

—The United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, after spending Chirstmas in port, cleared early yesterday afternoon for a cruise up as far as Hatteras.

—An important meeting of the Ministerial Association will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning at 10 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

—The children of the Delgado Sunday School enjoyed their Christmas exercises on Thursday afternoon and later they were all the recipients of presents from a well stocked tree.

—The hearing in the supplemental proceedings brought by the F. E. Hashagen Company against E. Dinos was begun yesterday morning before the Clerk of the Court and it was continued until Monday morning.

—Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, will speak at the Men's meeting in Y. M. C. A. parlors this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The men of the city are most cordially invited.

—The fire department was called out Christmas morning to extinguish a small blaze in the roof of the house of Mr. S. W. Rowan, on Fifth and Queen streets, the damage having been of a trivial nature.

—Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, presiding elder of the Wilmington District, will preach the first quarterly conference sermon of the year at Trinity M. E. Church this morning at 11 o'clock. Services in the evening as usual at 7:30 P. M. All are invited.

—Fifty children who would otherwise have known nothing of the joys of Santa Clause were made happy on Christmas by the young men of the Boys' Brigade. There was no attempt to advertise the charity but the young men did their part and did it nobly.

—A fine pointer belonging to George H. Howell, Esq., was killed by an eastbound car at Third and Princess streets Christmas afternoon about 4 o'clock. The animal was a very valuable one and the loss is greatly deplored by Mr. Howell.

—The annual Christmas exercises

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gwathmey, of New York, Mr. J. W. Murchison and son, Jno. C. and daughters, Jennie, Fannie and Lucy, of Wilmington, are in the city attending a re-union of the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Jane E. Williams."

of the First Baptist Sunday School will be held Tuesday evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock. A delightful programme has been arranged and the young people of the congregation are looking forward to the event with much pleasure.

—Mr. Nathan Murray, of Maple Hill, was here yesterday with a very fine lot of turkeys, which he disposed of readily. One of a crate of the fowls, which was captured at the Star office by the ornithological editor, weighed over 25 pounds on foot and was of very fine plumage.

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "There was considerable damage done by the severe wind storm yesterday, principally to telegraph, telephone, electric light poles and wires. The big windmill in Dr. G. B. Patterson's yard blew down, and fell on the kitchen to his residence, doing some damage.

—In a notice elsewhere in today's paper Sheriff S. P. Cowan gives notice that he will extend the time for the payment of taxes without cost until January 15th, 1909, but after that time costs will be added without fail. The extension was on account of the hard times and Sheriff Cowan's desire to give all favors possible compatible with the law.

CONCERT AT LUMINA.

Italian Orchestra to Discourse Sweet Music by "Sad Sea Waves."

There will be a concert at Lumina this afternoon at 3:30 P. M. by Paoliello's Italian Orchestra. Cars will be run every half hour in the afternoon. The following is the programme:

March—"Sweet Sixteen".....H. Mills
Selection—"Il Trovatore"..... Verdi
Serenade—Flute Solo.....A. E. Hill
Waltz—"The Flower of Italy."..... .....G. De Stephano.
Ave Marie.....Chas. Gounod
Selection—"Martha"..... Flotow

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. H. Fore & Co.—Furs.
J. M. Solky—Bicycle Award.
A. David Co—Happy New Year.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Furs and Toys.
Crystal Palace—Big Holiday Bill.
Morris Distilling Co.—Last Chance.
Polvogt Co.—Compliments of Season.
Sternberger Bros.—Wines and Liquors.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Xmas Entertainments.

Business Locals.

Lost—Gold Locket.
Lost—White Bull Dog.
Wanted—Cigar Salesman.
Wanted—House Servant.
For Rent—Furnished Room.
For Rent—Desirable Stores.
Lost—Lynx Fur Neck Piece.
J. O. Reilly—Only $250 Cash.
U. D. C.—Important Meeting.
R. L. Joyner—Piano For Sale.
For Rent—Eight-room House.
For Sale—Seven-room House.
Wanted—Specialty Salesman.
For Rent—Stores on Nutt Street.
H. F. Wilder—Very Desirable Home.
For Sale—Lot on St. James Square.
Wanted—Second-hand Goat Harness
Wanted—Young Man For Cigar Store.
Southern Business College—Qualify Yourself.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 2nd will bear interest from Jan. 1st at the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. tf

The New Year

Begin it right, open an account with The People's Savings Bank, and you will get your interest April 1st. 3t

Music at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today at 3:30. Cars every half hour. **

Fur bargains—Platt & Haar. **

The Theatre

The Crystal Palace will make its yuletide offering this week, beginning with matinee tomorrow. The bill will be one of the most expensive of the season and will include four big acts of splendid variety. The top-liners will be the Dunn Sisters, pronounced the best team of singers and dancers ever seen in Wilmington, returning this time with an entirely new repertoire of sketches. Another feature act will be Lois, petite, charming and graceful as an acrobatic toe dancer and still another will be Frank and Della Williams, in a high class act, and still the fourth will be Lee Edmonds, original blackface comedian. Notwithstanding the expensiveness of the week's bill, there will be no advance in the small prices. The attraction this week is guaranteed by the Crystal management.

Double Bill at the Bijou.

"Madam Flirt and Her Adopted Uncle" and "Through an Orange Grove" will be the interesting films at the Bijou tomorrow afternoon and evening. The first is a rich comedy film in which Mr. Baldhead and a pretty manicurist and Mrs. Baldhead figure in a domestic complication and the latter is a nature story of Florida's great industry, alike interesting and educational. Prices always the same, five cents to any part of the house.

XMAS AT SEAMEN'S HOME

Elegant Dinner Served There on Christmas Day—Pleasant Affair.

(Communicated.)

Preceding the service at the Seamen's Home Christmas Day, between 80 and 90 seamen partook of an elegant turkey dinner which was served during the afternoon. The menu was prepared by Mrs. Neilsen, Mrs. A. F. Eilers, daughter of Mrs. Neilsen, Mrs. Robbie McIntyre, Miss Anne Adrian and Mrs. Norfleet was organist. The services were conducted by the chaplain, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., which were relating to the birth of Christ. The manager of the Home, Mr. Nielsen, headed the Scandinavians in saying the Lord's Prayer in their native language, which was an interesting feature. I would like to say that this is the first time I have had a chance to visit at the Home and I will say that it is run on a fine scale. The place is kept clean, the table is of the best and you are made as comfortable as if you were at home. I will give the people who run the place credit for the way it is conducted.

(Signed) W. H. Painter, mate of the schooner Ada F. Brown; Allick Erickson, steward schooner Ada F. Brown; Jonas Matteson.

Exercises at Masonboro School.

The Christmas exercises at Masonboro school were given on the 23rd. The programme consisted of Christmas songs, recitations and drills, all of which showed excellent training. An evergreen drill given by the girls was very suggestive of the festive season. The larger boys represented the patriotic part of the programme as soldier boys marching under the stars and stripes. One especial thing of interest concerning the school has been the excellent attendance during the past four months. The average attendance has not been more than two less than the enrollment, which was 53 with an average attendance of 51. Since September the school has purchased a piano which adds much to the pleasure and training of the pupils. Miss Bronson, of the Baptist University, who teaches the primary department also has a class of music pupils. The patrons of the district appreciate the school as shown by their hearty co-operation in all phases of the work.

Did the Handsome Thing.

The conductors and motormen of the Tidewater Power Company desire to public thank Sheriff S. P. Cowan for 200 fragrant Havanas sent to their headquarters and much enjoyed by them on Christmas day. Sheriff Cowan is never happier than when doing something to make other people happy and he certainly succeeded in making the clever Tidewater Power Co., "boys" feel that life is not all in vain when ther are such people in the world as Sheriff Cowan.

St. Matthew's Xmas Exercises.

The annual Christmas exercises of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Sunday School will be held on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock in their church building. It will consist of recitations and songs by the school and a short address by the pastor. A selection entitled "Whom the Wise Men Woshipped" will be rendered. A tree will be placed on which gifts will be put for the children. The public is invited.

Mr. T. H. Wright's Auto Damaged.

Mr. T. H. Wright had the misfortune to partly wreck his Maxwell runabout in Thursday afternoon, when the machine skidded on the wet roadway and dashed into the curbstone on Third street between Orange and Ann streets. The front axle of the car was smashed and other minor injuries sustained. Mr. Wright was not hurt.

Cars in Rear-End Collision.

A rear-end collision on Princess street near Ninth occurred Thursday morning between two cars of the Tidewater Power Company, which resulted in wrecking the vestibules of both the cars. The accident was caused by the slippery condition of the tracks, a city car having plunged into a suburban car which was preceding it.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS
PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

Fur bargains—Platt & Haar. **

Agents, New Idea Patterns Carhartt Overalls.

J. H. Rehder & Co.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE
"The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare."

Crawford Shoes Kirschbaum Clothing.

Gifts for Xmas Entertainments & New Year

All Toys and Fancy Goods at Cost and Less Than Cost

Car Fare Paid on Purchases of $2 and Over

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THE RED CROSS STAMPS.

Wilmington Branch of Society Has But 1,500 Remaining For Sale. ..

In taking account of the holidays it is good to know that the ladies of the Wilmington branch of the Red Cross Society have succeeded remarkably well with their sale of the Red Cross stamps and that of the original large purchase made, only 1,500 are yet remaining. Charleston, Jacksonville and other Southern cities are especially anxious to make a showing equal to, if not surpassing that of the other cities. The 1,500 stamps remaining unsold must be disposed of by January 1st and all friends are most cordially invited to co-operate with them in this work. The stamps, it will be recalled, are quite as appropriate to the New Year as they are to Christmas and they may be found on sale at all stationers and at drug stores in the city. The merchants have done nobly; it is now up to the public to do what they will toward the disposal of the residue of the little tokens.

RUN DOWN BY AUTO.

Negro Bicyclist Injured at Eighth and Market Streets Yesterday.

A colored bicyclist at Eighth and Market streets yesterday morning dashed into an approaching automobile belonging to the Auto Company, on Second street, and was painfully but not seriously injured. The auto was one used for hire by the Auto Company and was in charge of Willie Pridgen, a negro chaffeur, with several gentlemen from out of the city on board. The colored bicyclist had an ugly scalp wound and other injuries but was sent to his home where he was attended by Dr. R. H. Bellamy. It was reported that the injured man had died, but a message last night stated that he was doing very well and would be out in a day or two.

Rounded Up "Skin Game."

This morning between 12 and 1 o'clock Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver with the assistance of two fellow officers whom he called to his assistance rounded up seven young negroes whom he caught in a "skin game" in the boiler room of the Hydraulic White Brick Company, at foot of Harnett street. They were placed in jail for a hearing before Justice Bornemann at 1 P. M. tomorrow.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Music at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today at 3:30. Cars every half hour. **

WHY? We are asking why, if Gowan's Preparation is not all that is claimed for it, has its sales increased over two thousand per cent. the last year? Why? we are asking.

All druggists handle the great external remedy. Three sizes 25c, 50c, $1.00. Buy it to-day

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS

THE MEMORY OF WHICH WILL LINGER LONG AFTER.

Pocket and Table Knives that cut.

Silver Plated Knives, Spoons and Forks.

Jos. Rogers & Sons Carvers and Table Knives.

"The World's Standard Cutlery."

Nickeled, Aluminum and Agate Percolators, $1.75 to $10.00

Boys' Rifles—$1.50, $2.00 and $3.00.

Guns—$4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $8.25, $10.00, to $50.00. All standard makes.

Iver Johnson, Smith & Wesson, and Colts. All prices, $2.50 and up.

Manicure Sets in Leather Cases $2.00 to $5.00.

Scissor Sets in Cases, $1.50 to $5.00.

Boys' Axes.

Gun Coats.

Leggings.

Gillette Razor Sets.

One Dollar Safety Razors.

Fine Mechanical Tools

Fine Tool Kits in Morocco Leather Cases, $5.00

Boker Razors in Pairs.

Morocco Leather Cases $3 to $6.

Pay Us a Call When You Are Shopping.

N. JACOBI HARDWARE CO.

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Have You Seen Our Imported Chinaware?

Hand painted, selling cheap on account of receiving it late.

Xmas package cigars, different prices.

We also have a setect line of fancy package candies, Kern's Chocolates and Bon Bons, Samosets, assorted Nuts, Chocolates and Bon Bons.

SCHUTT'S PHARMACY

Second and Princess Sts.

Phone 534. Quick Delivery.

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WAS NOT PREMEDITATED

Outline of Defense of Thornton Hains by His Counsel.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 26.—That the trip of Thornton J. Hains and his brother, Captain Peter H. Hains, Jr., last August to the Bayside Yacht Club where William E. Annis was killed, came about through the instigation of an old friend, and the journey was therefore not taken with the design of taking the life of Annis is the declaration made today by Lawyer Jos. W. Shay in the outlining of the defense of Thornton J. Hains, charged with his brother, with the murder of Annis. The name of the friend who will be called to testify that on the afternoon of August 15 he invited the Hains brothers to Bayside where they were to look over some property near the Yacht Club, was not given.

The defendants counsel in his opening started to relate all the unfortunate details of Captain Hains' marital troubles which Mr. Shay declared caused the mind of the army captain to become unbalanced. On objection of District Attorney Darrin, Justice Crane ruled that any statement of what Annis did, whether true or false, was not admissible. Justice Crane said counsel might relate whatever was told to Captain Hains or the defendant.

With this ruling Mr. Shay recounted all of the alleged acts of Mrs. Hains of which, Mr. Shay declared, she had told her husband on his return from the Philippines.

Declaration was made by Mr. Shay that it was the club members who called Thornton Hains' attention to Mr. Annis in his boat. Counsel said that before the defendant could induce his brother to leave the dock, Captain Hains rushed to the float and shot Annis to death. The defendant, believing his brother in danger of his life from John Tonning, the boatman, and the club members, warned them off with his revolver, said counsel.

Justice Crane in denying the motion of counsel to dismiss the indictment after District Attorney Darrin announced today that the State rested, ruled that a defendant might be held guilty as a principal even though the man who did the shooting was insane. The court further ruled that a defendant would be guilty as a principal who aided or induced an insane man to commit a murder.

BEACH HARGIS' TRIAL.

Mistrial Made in This Case—Testimony of the Mother.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 26.—The jury in the case of Beach Hargis charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, this afternoon reported their inability to agree and were discharged. The jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

Beach Hargis had been drinking heavily a few days before the killing of Judge Hargis and had finally been brought back to Jackson. For some days the neighbors declared that Judge Hargis had been dragging the boy through the streets of the wild little mountain town.

As told in the trial, Beach entered his father's store and, after a few words with the judge, engaged in a grapple with him. They fell to the floor, Beach on top, and with the judge's own pistol the boy fired several shots into the body of the prostrate man. The State in the trial of young Hargis contented itself with the facts of the case.

The defense, one of the lawyers for whom was United States Senator-elect William O. Bradley, former Governor of Kentucky, based its strength on the testimony of the boy and that of his mother, Mrs. Louellen Hargis. Mrs. Hargis testified that her husband had early taught the boy bad habits, and when Beach was a child had given him whiskey and buckled a pistol on the child. Beach (or Beauchamp, his rightful name) is 23 years old and has always been what in the Kentucky mountains is termed "feverish." He had given his parents much trouble.

CLOSED SHOWS TO REOPEN.

Writ of Injunction From New York Supreme Court.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Indications tonight were that the hundreds of picture shows in Greater New York, put out of business by Mayor McClellan's order of Christmas eve, revoking their licenses, would be able to resume business tomorrow under authority of a Supreme Court order. Tonight such an order, a writ of injunction, was served upon the mayor and his subordinates, restraining them from interfering with the operation of the moving picture shows in all the city boroughs. At the same time the mayor was served with a notice to show cause on Monday morning why his order cancelling the licenses of these places should not be rescinded.

The injunction and notice to show cause were issued by Justice Gaynor and Blackman of the Supreme court. The showmen tonight were of the opinion that under these court orders they would be able to resume business tomorrow.

Orrell Livery Company, 'Phone No. 47, wants to board your horses, haul your baggage, furnish your livery and will please you. 3t

Regular Interest Quarter

of The People's Savings Bank begins January 1st, deposit now and you will get your interest in Three months. 3t

DOES THIS SUIT YOU?

J. Frank Jarman, the enterprising Druggists of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., are having such a large run on "HINDIPO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic, and hear it so highly praised that they now offer to guarantee it in every case to cure all forms of Kidney Troubles and Nervous Disorders.

They pay for it if it does not give you entire satisfaction.

If you use it, it is their risk, not yours. A 50 cent box sent by mail under positive guarantee.

WARM WIRELETS.

Physicians attending Bishop McQuaid in Rochester, N. Y., held out some hope last night that the aged prelate may recover.

Representative Robert C. Davey, Democrat, of the 2nd district of Louisiana died yesterday. Death was due to a complication of diseases. He was born in New Orleans in 1853. He was a member of the 53rd Congress.

In an interview after the fight for the heavy weight championship of the world in which Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist of Galveston, Texas, won over "Tommy" Burns, the French Canadian, Johnson said: "I never doubted the issue from the beginning I knew I was too good for Burns."

The steamer Luckenbach has arrived at Newport News with dent plates and damaged joiner work following a collision off the Virginia Capes Thursday with the Cuban steamer Camaguay. The latter following the collision steamed off with no signs of distress.

Senor Castro went out yesterday for the first time since his entry into Dr. Israel's hospital. He made an excursion for several hours in an automobile, paying a visit to Grunwald, where he witnessed what was to him a unique spectacle, a snow storm and thousands of people skating on the small lakes.

George C. Hurlbut, for more than 30 years librarian of the American Geographical Society, died yesterday in New York as a result of injuries sustained in a collision between an automobile in which he and his daughter, Miss Ilene Hurlbut, were riding and a trolley car in Central Park. Miss Hurlbut, who also was badly injured, will recover.

R. E. Walker, the South African runner, did some excellent work and broke a record at Johannesburg, South Africa yesterday in short sprints at the Wanderers' Sports. He made 100 yards in 9 2-5 seconds. This equals his time made at Abergaveny, England, last August, and it is 1-5 of a second less than the previous record made by Dan J. Kelly, at Spokane, Washn., June 23, 1906.

JUDGE TAFT IN AIKEN.

Greeted at Many Stations by Large Crowds—Guest at Dinner.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 26.—As a holiday diversion the President-elect made an excursion to Aiken, S. C., and played golf on famous Palmetto links. Mr. Taft was accompanied by Mrs. Taft and the three children, Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond and their sons.

The party were guests of Jas. U. Jackson, vice president of the Augusta & Aiken trolley road, and the trip was made in a private car. Two hours were occupied in the trip.

News that the President-elect would go over the line preceded the special and there was lively interest manifested by the residents of the several villages passed. Crowds were out, torpedoes were laid along the track that the car might fire its own salute and cheers were shouted.

At Bath, which boasts of one of the oldest cotton mills in the South, the car halted and Mr. Taft complimented the mill operatives on their industry and progress.

At Aiken the people were a bit disappointed not to see more of their distinguished visitor. They expected him to stop in town, but his car went through to the terminus, where he at once took an automobile to cover the mile and a half to the club.

It was past noon when he began his game and 5 o'clock when the home trip commenced. Meantime the party were driven over the W. C. Whitney estate and lunched at the Wilcox house. Mr. Taft got back just in time for the Maxwell dinner tonight, where he met a number of prominent Georgia Republicans. The dinner was at the residence of Mr. Maxwell, an old time Cincinnati friend and neighbor of Mr. Taft.

A SCHOONER WRECKED

Tidings From the William Laramar, Lost During Recent Storm.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—Meagre advices of the wrecking of the schooner William Laramar and the rescue of the nine men composing her crew by the Austrian Steamship Columbia have reached here by wireless from the Diamond Shoals Lightship. The Laramar was wrecked 20 miles east of Currituck, N. C.

The schooner is reported to be still afloat and a menace to navigation.

It is presumed that the ill-fated vessel came to grief during the severe northeast gale last week.

The wreck is now being searched for by the revenue cutters Seneca and Ononadago.

A WONDERFUL SPRINTER

A New Record Made in the Marathon Races in New York.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Matthew Maloney, of the Trinity Athlectic Club, of Brooklyn, a newcomer in athletics, established a new world's amateur running record for the full marathon distance of 26 miles, 385 yards in a race from Rye-On-the-Sound to Columbus Circle this city today.

Maloney ran away from a field of 116 contestants, finishing in fair good condition. His time, 2 hours, 36 minutes, 26 1-5 seconds is far ahead of all previous amateur records.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 14.—Authoritative confirmation was given here today to the report, circulated and denied about three weeks ago, that a contract had been awarded a Macon firm for the extension of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama railroad from Cuthbert, Ga., northward 25 miles to connect with the Seaboard Air Line at or near Richland, Ga. Work will begin January 1st.

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THE PITTSBURG SCANDAL

No More Arrests Made, But Many Others to Follow.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Contrary to expectations there were no additional arrests today in the councilmanic bribery cases which have furnished Pittsburg with a number of sensational developments since the arrest Monday night of seven councilmen and two former bankers on charges of corrupt practices.

However, an authoritative statement that other persons will be arrested was made by Attorney A. Leo Weil, president of the Voters League. These additional arrests (the number is estimated at from 17 to 40) are not expected to be made now until Monday and probably not until the first of the year.

According to the officers of the Voters League they have plenty of evidence against many other persons who, it is stated, will surely be taken into custody, but when this will be the investigators are reluctant to say.

Many rumors were in circulation and a few interesting developments occurred today. Among the rumors was one to the effect that a number of national banks were undergoing a thorough examination in connection with the report that certain financial institutions had paid $176,000 for the privilege of handling the city's funds, but the Government officials refused to either confirm or deny the story. It was also claimed that the accused councilmen knew they were being investigated and were simply playing a game of politics for the purpose of seeing how far the detectives would deal with them. This, it is said, will be their defense.

Jockey's Tricks.

"There are tricks of two kinds in jockeying," said a jockey, "the legitimate and the illegitimate. Use the first and you'll prosper. Use the last and it's all up.

"Illegitimate tricks are pulling a race and getting left at the post. If you once pull a fast horse and make him lose, you are always afterward an object of suspicion, and ten to one if you ever pull another horse you are done for. But getting yourself left at the post is a big and complex subject, and it is the one trick that a clever jockey can work time and again with safety.

"To cause a rival horse to swerve is an illegitimate trick that often wins your race. You cause the swerving by straightening out your leg so that your heel nearly touches the other horse's nose, or you make a wide slash with your whip so that it nearly touches the other horse's eyes.

"The legitimate tricks are— But why give them away when it has taken all my life to learn them?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

We Work Too Hard.

Lady Headfort during her American tour said in New York that she approved of international marriages.

"They correct us," she explained. "Our Englishmen work too little, your American men work too much, and the international marriage tends to bring about a happy mean. Your men do work too much, you know," said Lady Headfort. "I have an English friend who attended the funeral of one of your hardest workers, a multimillionaire. My friend's wife said rather bitterly to him at the funeral:

"'How you have missed your opportunities, my love! Place yourself beside Mr. Ritch there. You are both of the same age. You both began life together. Yet you are a poor man, while he died a multimillionaire.'

"'Yes,' said the English husband. 'There Ritch lies, dead of nervous prostration, without one single penny in his pocket, and here I stand, hale and hearty, with a wallet in my coat containing quite a hundred dollars.'"

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STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR RENT—Eight-room house, all modern conveniences, on Fourth street, between Market and Princess. Possession given at once. D. R. Foster & Co., 206 Princess street. de 27-3t.

LOST—On Tuesday, white bull dog, long tail and ears, named "Jack." Reward for return to Star office. de 27-1t.

WANTED—A young man, single preferred, to take charge of retail cigar store at once. Apply in writing to 419 Princess street. de 27-1t.

LOST—Thursday night on Front or Market, below Fourth street, a black Lynx fur neck-piece. Reward if returned at once to 403 Market street. de 27-1t*

LOST—Gold locket, engraved W, Saturday afternoon between Ninth and Princess streets and Third and Ann streets. Suitable reward for its return to 310 Ann street or to the Star office. de 27-1t.

PIANO FOR SALE—I have a beautiful W. W. Kimball piano, mahogany case, in first class condition at $150. Piano cost when new $450. Must be sold at once. Robert Lee Joyner, 114 North Ninth street, City. de 27-1t*

FOR RENT—Two very desirable stores, Nos. 111 and 115 South Front street, will be improved to suit tenants. A. D. Wessell, 'phone 650. de 27-1t*

IMPORTANT MEETING of Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., W. L. I. Armory, Tuesday, January 5th, 1909, 3 P. M. Election of officers. By order of President. Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, secretary. de 27-29 ja 1-3

WANTED—A house servant. Apply to 515 Orange street. de 27-1t.

VERY DESIRABLE HOME for sale on Walnut street, between Third and Fourth. All modern improvements with eight large rooms. Good investment or nice place for home. Call early Monday morning before it's too late. Half cash, balance in Building & Loan Association. Better investigate or you will regret it. H. F. Wilder, Real Estate Agent. Phone 63. de 27-1t.

WANTED — High-grade, hustling specialty salesmen for staple line with advertising that pays. Permanent place, worth $5,000 or better to producers. AA 45 P. O. Box 470, Kansas City, Mo. de 27-1t*

WANTED—Second-hand goat harness and wagon. Address P. O. Box 336. de 27-1t*

FOR SALE—Lot on St. James Square facing on Orange street. Price reasonable. Terms to suit purchaser. Address P. O. Box 102. de 27-1t*

LOST—One brindle cow, brass tip on one horn. Please notify J. W. Batson and receive reward. de 27-1t.

NEAR THE CORNER of Ninth and Grace streets, a nice seven-room house with modern conveniences, for sale; size of lot, 33x85 feet with alley. Price $2,000. D. R. Foster & Co., 206 Princess street. Phone 1220. de 27-3t.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR RENT—One furnished front room, 503 South Front street. de 27-1t*

DOLLARS—Do you wish more of them, or are you satisfied with your present earnings? Positions paying princely salaries are occupied by experts. Why not let us prepare you for an expert's pay? Special low rates open until Jan. 10th, 1909. Southern Business College, Wilmington, N. C. de 27-1t.

FOR RENT—From January 1st, 1909, two stores at corner Nutt and Red Cross streets at present occupied by Mr. A. Rothschild. Apply to Martin O'Brien. de 27-2t*

CIGAR SALESMAN WANTED in your locality to represent us. Experience unnecessary; $110 per month and expenses. Write for particulars. Monarch Cigar Co., St. Louis, Mo. de 27-1t*

ONLY $250 CASH will buy you a brand new house on Ninth, between Wright and Meares, lot 33x150 feet. As an investment it will pay 12 1-2 per cent. Will take a mortgage for the other $400 payable in six years. Apply to James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance Agent. de 27-1t.

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT QUICK—30-acre farm, good house, barn, fruit trees and vines, on Shell road, three miles from the city. Address P. O. Box 906, Wilmington, N. C. de 24-6t.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest Winter. Price one to four thousand $1.50, four to nine thousand $1.25, over nine thousand $1 per thousand F. O. B. Meggetts, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Meggetts, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. dec 9 eod jan 1.

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

WANTED—Salesmen of ability and best appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant safe line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. dec 13 16 t sun*

CYPHERS INCUBATORS, the kind you don't have to watch all night. Incubators, brooders and poultry supplies of every kind. Everything guaranteed. W. E. Merritt, 114 Princess street. se 6 sun only 3m

Last Chance!

Morris Distilling Company

Port Wine was 75c, now going at	35c
Sherry Wine was 75c, now going at	35c
Maderia Wine was 75c now going at	35c
Claret Wine was 75c, now going at	35c
Blackberry Wine, was 75c now going at	35c
Cream of Kentucky Rye was $1.25, now going at	75c
Old Oscar Pepper Rye, was $1.50, now going at	75c
Ivy Crown Rye, was $1.25, now going at	75c
Square Deal Rye, was $1.00 now going at	75c
Old Holden Rye was $1.75, now going at	$1.00
Straight Apple Brandy was $1.50, now going at	85c
Straight Peach Brandy, was $1.50, now going at	85c
Rum, one star, was 75c, now going at	50c
Rum, two star, was $1.00, now going at	75c
Rum, three star, was $1.50, now going at	$1.00
Gin, was $1.00, now going at	75c
Gin, Imported, was $1.50 now going at	$1.00
Malt Whiskey, was $1.00, now going at	75c

We Deliver the Goods to Your House FREE OF CHARGE.

Morris Distilling Co.

217 and 219 N. Front Street.

PHONE 1479.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Red Springs Citizen: Judge W. D. McKay, of Cleburne, Texas, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Harriet McKay, and other relatives. Judge McKay is well remembered here and his friends gladly welcome him at this time.

—Alamance Gleaner: It rained all day Tuesday and wound up with a snow at night. Yesterday morning the ground was well covered with snow which disappeared yesterday. It is learned that it snowed Monday night, too, but we are taking the word of somebody else for that.

—Monroe Enquirer: Some one threw a rock against Mr. George Moser's house, in Buford township, last Thursday night about 1 o'clock, and when Mr. Moser went to investigate he was shot with a shotgun, the load entering a shoulder and the face and badly injuring an eye. It is not known who did the shooting.

—Rocky Mount Record: Plans have been recently completed for the removal of the Yadkin Valley Distilling Company, who are now doing business in this city, to Petersburg, Va., after the first of the year, at which time the prohibition law in this State becomes effective. This company will not immediately begin upon the erection of a distillery at that place, but in the words of the management they are "awaiting the movements of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia."

—Newbern Sun: The schooner Eva D. Rose, which discharged a cargo of corn at Meadows' mill a few days ago, and left for Washington, N. C., to load with lumber for the Northern market, struck a heavy gale of wind when down about the mouth of the river, which damaged the vessel very much. It had to be towed back to Newbern for repairs. The captain, while trying to steer the ship and keep her in a safe position, received a broken nose by being struck by the boom of the vessel.

—Rocky Mount Record: All trains thus far during the Christmas rush have been on remarkably good time and no passenger train through this point has as yet been later than an hour and only in one or two instances, in the rush of the past several days, has this been the case. The railroad employes and officials are to be congratulated, so far as the roads in this section are concerned, and while they have smashed records for the number of passengers carried, they have brought them to their destination about on time.

—Fayetteville, Dec. 24.—As he was about to board a train for Mintz, where he was to appear as counsel in a case, Mayor Bullard was severely bitten on the calf of the leg by a bull dog. Two dogs, one owned by ex-Mayor McMillan, and the other by Mr. Charles Calais, were engaged in a pitched battle in front of the station, and in passing Mr. Bullard kicked at them in an effort to stop the fight. In an instant Mr. Calais' bull dog had the mayor by the calf of his leg,and it was only by a strenuous effort that it was made to turn loose. Mr. Bullard was hurried to the hospital and had the wound cauterized and dressed. He was able to proceed to Mintz on a freight train.

—Wadesboro Messenger: Gus Graham, a young colored man who, quite a number of years ago, drove for Dr. J. H. Bennett, has evidently developed into a slick duck since he left Wadesboro, about eight years ago. Gus, who is now living in Greensboro, telegraphed his mother, Viney Graham, Wednesday of last week, under the name of Will Allen, that he was dead. Viney at once telegraphed back to "Will Allen" to send Guss' body to her at once and she would send money to pay the expenses. In a short time the following answer was received: "Not able to send body; send $10 by wire quick." Friday the mother received a telegram from Gus himself which read as follows: "Have been very sick but am getting better, will be home soon. In all Gus' relatives are out $18 on him, and it is needless to say they do not see any fun in the smart trick played upon them by the absent prodigal.

—News and Observer: Governor Glenn was asked yesterday about the pardon he granted to James Dixon, an aged ex-Confederate soldier of Sampson county, who had been sentenced to two years for the larceny of meat. A Sampson critic had stated that the application for the pardon had been made in secret. Governor Glenn declared that there was nothing secret about the matter. H. A. Grady, Esq., attorney of Clinton, told the Governor that a large majority of the people who lived where the offense was committed desired the old man's pardon; that Dixon had been of good character up to that time, and that he had been a brave Confederate soldier. There was doubt about Dixon's having taken the meat (but no doubt about his son and another boy having taken it.) If the old man received it, he said, it was to protect his son. Governor Glenn told Mr. Grady that if there were no opposition he would waive the advertisement, which he could do, but that he could not waive the record and petition. The record and a very strong petition were subsequently filed. The Governor said that he pardoned Dixon upon the representations made to him, to the effect that the people desired it, that the old man was a Confederate veteran, of good character previous to his indictment, the pardon being conditioned upon Dixon's remaining of good character. "I did it in favor of old age and for a man who rendered brave service to his country," said the Governor, "and I have no regret for what I did."

January 1st.

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Some Famous Sallies.

Great men have been guilty of punning, and some of the most famous of these sallies have come down in history. There is something melancholy about the pun of Dr. Thomas Browne, who, having unsuccessfully courted a lady and being challenged to drink to her health, as had been his wont, replied, "I have toasted her many years, but I cannot make her Browne, so I will toast her no longer."

Sydney Smith's jest at the expense of Mrs. Grote had the salt of malice in it. She was famed for ill taste in dress, and as one day she swept by in an extraordinary headdress Smith pointed her out to a friend, saying, "That is the origin of the word 'grotesque.'"

Mrs. Grote, however, had her revenge. Sydney Smith's daughter married a Dr. Holland. When the latter was knighted some one mentioned his wife as Lady Holland. "Do you mean Lord Holland's wife?" asked the listener.

"No," replied Mrs. Grote. "This new Holland, whose capital is Sydney."

When the barrister Campbell married Miss Scarlett his friend explained his absence from court by telling the judge that Campbell was suffering from a bad attack of Scarlett fever.

Ancient Chains.

"Some authorities," says an English writer, "give the Britons credit for originating the cable chain because Julius Caesar is recorded as having been unable to cut the cables of the Gaul's vessels, 'as they were made of iron.' This may have been a chain in the present acceptation of the term, but it is doubtful, because the first patent for chainmaking was obtained in England in 1634 by a blacksmith named Philip White. The patent was for fourteen years, and in consideration of it White had to pay £5 in lawful money yearly 'at the exchequer, Westminster, att the Feast of the Blessed Virgyn and Saint Michell the Archangell by even and eual process.'

"His patent is described as follows: 'A way for the wearing of shipps with iron chaynes by finding out the true heating (pre)pareing and tempering of Iyron for that (pur)pose and that he hath nowe attayned to the true vse of the said chaynes and that the same wilbe for the great saveing of cordage and safety of shippers and will redound to good of our Comon Wealth.'"

Bread That Intoxicates.

In far eastern Russia, in that region which lies between the sea and the river called Mssuri, the humidity of the climate as well as of the soil is remarkable. Vegetation is here distinguished for its wondrous exuberance, to such an extent that the soil never dries up. The result is that the inhabitants in order to prevent putrefaction of the roots sow their corn upon a series of layers of the soil. Nevertheless in certain districts the humidity is so intense that there grows upon the ears of corn a kind of fungous matter made up of micro fungi. As a result of this sporadic excrescence the bread made from the corn in question gives all the results of an overdose of alcohol. In very humid climates the phenomenon is likewise known, though to nothing like the extent of eastern Siberia, where whole districts are affected by this strange kind of "alcoholized bread."

Shakespeare's Name.

It has often been a puzzle to students of Shakespeare why his name is spelled in so many different ways. Shakespeare himself is said to have signed his name on different occasions "Shakspeare" and "Shakespere," and learned disquisitions have been written to prove which is the proper spelling. None perhaps was more amusing than the "weather" reason given in 1851 by Albert Smith, who averred that he had found it in the Harleian manuscript. It was as follows:

How dyd Shakspeare spell hys name?
Ye weatherre mayde ye change, we saye,
So write it as ye please;
When ye sonne shone he mayde hys A;
When wette he took hys E'es.

Installments All Around.

Patient (gloomily)—I don't seem to be gaining very fast, doctor.

Doctor (cheerfully)—You can't expect to get well at one jump. You will have to regain your health gradually day by day—sort of on the installment plan, as it were.

Patient (brightening up)—Well, doctor, if this thing keeps on much longer I'm afraid that you will have to collect your bill in the same way.—Judge's Library.

Why They Objected.

"No," said the fireman, who represented the truck company that had refused to work with a colored truckman, "there is no race prejudice in it. But we certainly hate to work with a man whose face will look just as clean on the way home from a long fire fight as it did when we started, while we other chaps all look smudgy."—Judge's Library.

Not a New Species.

"Now, what shall we name the baby?" inquired the professor's wife.

"Why, this species has been named," answered the professor in astonishment. "This is a primate mammal, homo sapiens."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Unsolved Problems.

The three great problems on the solution of which humanity is bent are the same that perplexed our ancestors—the immortality of the soul, perpetual motion and women's hats.—Paris Figaro.

The Real Work.

Client—How is my case coming on? Surely you've had time to look up the law? Attorney—Oh, that was easy. I've been putting in my time studying the technicalities.—San Francisco Call.

Newton's Light Theory.

Sir Isaac Newton earned worldwide fame by showing that gravitation, previously recognized only at the surface of the earth, is operative throughout the universe wherever there is matter. In another field of physics he was far less happy. His brilliant success in experimental optics came to be qualified, though not invalidated, by a faulty interpretation of the facts. He gave his name and powerful authority to the corpuscular theory of light. In Sir Isaac's view, the phenomenon of luminosity is produced by corpuscles—exceedingly minute particles of matter—which are projected continuously from the sun, stars and all other luminous bodies. But his corpuscles failed to elucidate all the appearances, and Sir Isaac's theory was finally deposed by an explanation which referred light to undulatory vibrations in the ether. It would be some comfort for the discoverer of universal gravitation, were he living now, to realize that the modern physicist is daily dealing with corpuscles flung off from matter at speeds fairly comparable with that of life itself.

Couldn't Help It.

A young lady tells the following story of an Englishman she met during a trip to Mexico:

The Englishman became acquainted with the American party while they were all guests at a winter hotel. Whenever the parents of the American girl proposed any trip the Englishman immediately begged to be made one of the party. He was to be included in a moonlight trip to a nearby mountain. After the Americans were ready to start they had to delay some fifteen minutes awaiting their guest's arrival. When he did arrive he electrified them by his comments on the reason for his delay. What he said was:

"I beg pardon for my beastly tardiness. Couldn't help it, don'cherknow. I had to bring my mother from the gardens first. It's a singular horrid bore, but one has to be kind to his mother, don'cherknow!" — Milwaukee Free Press.

The Queer Screw Plant.

There is nothing under the sun quite so quaint, so weird and witchlike as the pandanus prairies of Fiji. The pandanus, or screw plant, as it is called, is a most grotesque specimen of the vegetable kingdom even at the best and in the early stages of its growth. In its very young days it is of an extraordinarily screwlike shape and looks as though some unkind hand had taken hold of its long, swordlike leaves and twisted them round and round. Later on it straightens out a bit, and from it grow a number of tall wooden stilts. Its foliage is simple, a number of drooping, ragged tufts, for all the world like mops and very mournful looking. Among these mops hangs the fruit, in shape like a pineapple, made up of hard red and yellow kernels, woody and fibrous and quite uneatable from a European's point of view.

His Status.

The caste system is so deeply rooted among the people of India that Christianized Hindoos are still under its potent influence. For example, Mr. J. C. Oman, formerly professor of natural science in the government college at Lahore, tells in his book, "The Brahmans, Deists and Muslims of India," of the native Christian head master of a mission school who was asked in a court of justice what his religion was.

"Brahman-Christian," he replied.

The judge, who was a European, not recognizing such a sect, asked for more information.

"I am a Brahman-Christian," reiterated the head master. "I cannot call myself simply a Christian," he continued with some warmth, "when that Choorah (sweeper) there is also a Christian. I am a Brahman-Christian, sir."

Friday and Fortunes.

Two women who wished to make an appointment with a fortune teller who was pronounced "just splendid" by everybody who had patronized her were advised by the seer to come on Friday.

"That is, if you are not superstitious about Friday," she said. "Most people are. They regard Friday as such an unlucky day that they won't even have their fortune told them for fear they will hear something unlucky. That is why I advised you to come on that day. I will have plenty of time and won't have to put your cases through with such a rush."—St. Louis Republic.

An Equinox.

Tommy—Pa, what is an equinox? Pa—Why—er—it is—ahem! For goodness sake, Tommy, don't you know anything about mythology at all? An equinox was a fabled animal, half horse, half cow. Its name is derived from the words 'equine' and 'ox.' It does seem as if these public schools don't teach children anything nowadays!"

Naturalized.

An Italian went to the civil service commissioners' rooms to be examined for a laborer's position. He answered most of the questions correctly. Finally they asked him if he had ever been naturalized. He seemed a bit puzzled, but at last his face lighted up. "Ah, I know whata you mean. Scratcha de arm. Yes, lasta week."

Then He Stole.

Prudent Swain—If I were to steal a kiss, would it scare you so that you would scream? Timid Maiden—I couldn't. Fright always makes me dumb.

I have never known a man of real ability to be ungrateful.—Goethe.

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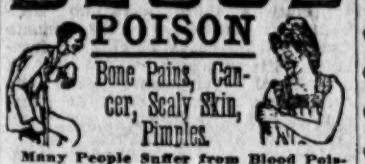

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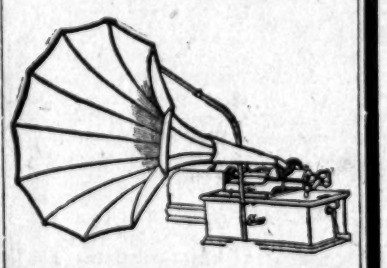

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—David Stires, determined to disinherit his scapegrace son Hugh in favor of his blind ward, Jessica Holme, is dissuaded by the girl and the Rev. Harry Sanderson. The latter, who resembles Hugh greatly, sowed his wild oats with the younger Stires in college, where he was known as "Satan Sanderson." II—Hugh returns and is welcomed by his father. There is no hope of Hugh's reformation, but Jessica, deceived by her blindness, loves him. He plans to marry her. III—Harry lends him money. IV—Jessica is to marry Hugh and a foreign surgeon is coming to operate on her eyes. Jessica, whose sight is restored, is married to Hugh, Harry officiating, although he loves the girl. Immediately after the ceremony Stires is informed that his son has forged his name for $5,000. V—Harry, sent up-stairs to bring Jessica to the old man, is mistaken by her for her newly wedded husband. He kisses her. VI—Hugh flees, and Jessica reproaches Harry for having led him into evil ways in college. Stires signs the will disinheriting Hugh. VII and VIII—Nearly a year has passed. Hugh who has been in the mining country, returns and reproaches Harry for his downfall. The minister in an effort to save him plays cards with him on the altar table. Harry stakes gold and the spendthrift waxen wafers, each one representing a day of decent living. IX—Hallelujah Jones, an itinerant preacher, spies on the game and breaks in on it with Harry's bishop. Hugh vanishes, and Harry jumps into an automobile for a swift ride. X—The minister's car falls into the river, and he is hurt. Harry wakes to find himself unconscious of his own identity in a freight car with tramps. He wears a ring with his initials, "H. S.," but they signify nothing to him.

The evidence of Hugh's sin! That paper must remain, as the sin that made it remained, the sign manual of her dishonor and loss. The man whose hand had penned its lying signature was the man she had thought she loved. By that act he had thrust himself from her forever. Yet he lived. Somewhere in the world he walked in shame and degradation beyond the pale of honorable living, and she was his wife! She was his wife! Though she called herself Jessica Holme, yet in the law his name and fame were hers.

"Look at that steady hand now, an' her hair as red as glory!" said Mrs. Halloran, gazing admiringly from the doorstep where she had been chatting with Tom Felder. "Ye needn't stare yer gray eyes out, though, or she'll stop at the jooiry shop to buy ye a ring—to shame ye fer jest hankerin' and sayin' nothin'!"

Felder laughed as he crossed the street, raising his felt hat gallantly to the approaching rider. Mrs. Halloran was a privileged character. It was not Michael Halloran who kept the Mountain Valley House popular! The old woman hurried to the curb and tied the horse as Jessica dismounted.

"How did ye guess I made some more this day?" she exclaimed. "Sure, if ye drink it yerself, my dearie, them cheeks is all th' trademark I need!" She led the way into the little carpeted side room, by courtesy denominated "the parlor." "I'll go an' put it up in two shakes," she said. "Sit ye down an' I'll not be ten minutes." So saying, she bustled away.

Left alone, Jessica gazed abstractedly about her. Her mind was still full of the painful reflections of her

The room swam before her eyes.

ride. A door opened from the room into the office. It was ajar. She stepped close and looked in.

A group of miners lounged in the space before the front windows—familiarly referred to by its habitues as "the amen corner"—chatting and watching the passersby.

Suddenly she clapped her hand to her mouth to stifle a cry. A name had been spoken—the name that was in her thought—the name of Hugh Stires. She leaned forward, listening breathlessly.

"I wonder where the young blackleg's been," said one, peering through the windows. "He'd better have stayed away for good, I'm thinking. What does he want to come back for, to a place where there aren't three men who will take a drink with him?"

Jessica looked about her an instant wildly, guiltily. She could not be mistaken in the name. Was Hugh here, whither by the veriest accident she had come—here in this very town that she had gazed down upon every day for weeks? Was he? No, no; it could not be! She had not heard aright! But she had an overwhelming desire to satisfy herself with her own eyes. From where she stood she could not see the street. She bethought herself of the upper balcony.

Swiftly she crossed to the hall door, threw it open and ran hastily up the stair.

Chapter 12

IF the man who had been the subject of the observations Jessica had heard had been less absorbed as he walked leisurely along on the opposite side of the street he would have noticed the look of dislike in the eyes of those he passed. They drew away from him, and one spoke—to no one in particular and with an oath offensive and fervid. But weather beaten, tanned, indifferently clad and with a small brown dog following him, the newcomer passed along, oblivious to the sidelong scrutiny. He did not stare about him after the manner of a stranger, though so far as he knew he had never been in the place before.

But Harry Sanderson now was not the man who had ridden into oblivion in the motor car. The rector of St. James' was in a strange eclipse. Mentally and externally he had reverted to the old Satan Sanderson of the brilliant flashing originality, of the curt risk and daring. The deeply human and sensitive side that had developed during his divinity years was in abeyance. It showed itself only in the affection he bestowed on the little nameless dog that followed him like a brown, shaggy shadow.

He was like that old self of his, and yet if he had but known it he was wonderfully like some one else, too—some one who had belonged to the long ago and garbled past that still eluded him; some one who had been a part also of the life of this very town till a little over a month before, when he had left it with dread dogging his footsteps!

Curious coincidences had wrought together for this likeness. In the past weeks Harry had grown perceptibly thinner. A spare beard was now on his chin, and the fiery sun that had darkened his cheeks to sallow had lightened his brown hair a shade. The cut on his brow had healed to the semblance of a thin red birthmark.

Fate—or God—was doing strange things for Harry Sanderson!

In the nomad weeks of wind and sun, as the tissues of the brain grew slowly back to a state of normal action, the mind seized again and again upon the bitter question of his identity. It had obtruded into clicking leagues on steel rails, into miles afoot by fruit hung lanes, on white Pacific shell roads under cedar branches, on busy highways. It had stalked into days of labor in hop fields, work with hand and foot that brought dreamless sleep and generous wage; into nights of less savory experience in city purlieus, where a self forgotten man gamed and drank recklessly, audaciously, forbiddingly. Who was he? From what equation of life had he been eliminated? Had he loved anything or anybody? Had he a friend, any friend, in the world?

The man of no memories gave no heed to the men on the street, who looked at him askance. He sauntered along unconsciously, his hands thrust deep in his pockets. With a casual glance at the hotel across the way he entered a saloon, where a score of patrons were standing at the bar or shaking dice noisily at the tables ranged against the wall. The bartender nodded to his greeting, the slightest possible nod. The dog which had followed him into the place leaped up against him, its fore paws on his knee.

"Brandy, if you please," said the new arrival, and poured indolently from the bottle set before him.

The conversation in the room had chilled. To its occupants the man who had entered was no stranger. He was Hugh Stires, returned unwelcome to a place from which he had lately vanished. Moreover, what they felt for him was not alone the crude hatred which the honest toiler feels for the trickster who gains a living by devious knaveries. There was an uglier suspicion afloat of Hugh Stires! A blue shirted miner called gruffly for his score, threw down the silver and went out, slamming the swing door.

The newcomer regarded none of them. He poured his glass slowly full, sipped from it and, holding it in his hand, turned and glanced deliberately about the place. He looked at everybody in the room, suddenly sensible of the hostile atmosphere, with what seemed a careless amusement. Then he raised his glass.

"Will you join me, gentlemen?" he said.

There was but one response. A soiled, shambling figure, blear, white haired and hesitating, with a battered violin under its arm, slouched from a corner and grasped eagerly for the bottle the bartender contemptuously pushed toward him. No one else moved.

The new arrival looked smilingly at the soiled figure beside him, a fragment of flotsam tossed on the tide of failure. "I erred in my general salutation," he said. "Gentility is, after all, less a habit than an instinct." He lifted his glass—to the castaway. "I drink to the health of the only other gentleman present," he said, and tossed the drink off.

He looked smilingly at the soiled figure beside him.

A snort and a truculent shuffle came from the standing men. Their faces were dark. Tom Felder, the lawyer, entered the saloon just in time to see "Big" Devlin, the owner of the corner dance hall, rise from a table, rolling up flannel sleeves along tattooed arms. He saw him stride forward and, with a well directed shove, send the shambling inebriate reeling across the floor.

"Two curs at the bar are enough at a time!" quoth Devlin.

Then the lawyer saw an extraordinary thing. The emptied glass rang sharply on the bar, the arm that held it straightened, the lithe form behind it seemed to expand, and the big bulk of Devlin went backward through the doorway and collapsed in a sprawling heap on the pavement.

"For my part," said an even, infuriate voice from the threshold, "I prefer but one."

The face the roomful saw now as they pushed to the outer air and which turned on the flocking crowd bore anything but the slinking look they had been used to see on the face of Hugh Stires. The smile that meant danger played over it. There were both calculation and savagery in it. It was the look of the man to whom all risks are alike, to whom nothing counts. In the instant confusion every one there recognized the element of hardihood dumfounded. Here was one who, as Barney McGinn, the freighter, said afterward, "hadn't the sand of a sick coyote," bearding a bully and the most formidable antagonist the town afforded.

The prostrate man was on his feet in an instant, wiping the blood from a cleft lip, and peeled off his vest with a vile epithet.

"That is incidentally a venturesome word to select from your vocabulary," said the even voice, a sort of detonation in it. "You will feel like apologizing presently."

Staring in a kind of strained and horrified expectancy.

Devlin came on with a bull-like rush. The lawyer's eye, shrewdly gaging the situation, gave the slighter man short shrift, and for several intense seconds every breath stopped. Those seconds called up from some mysterious covert all the skill and strength of the old hard hitting Satan Sanderson, all the science of parry and feint learned in those bluff college bouts with the gloves with Gentleman Jim.

It was a short, sharp contest. Not a blow broke the guard of the man whose back was to the doorway. On the other hand, Devlin's face was puffed and bleeding. When for a breath he drew back, gulping, a sudden glint of doubt and fear had slipped beneath the blood and sweat.

The end came quickly. Harry stepped to meet him, there was a series of swift passes—then one, two lightning-like blows, and Devlin went down white and stunned in the dust of the roadway.

So high was the tension and so instantaneous the close that for a moment the crowd was noiseless, the spell still upon them. In that moment Tom Felder came hastily forward, for though sharing the general dislike, admiration was strong in him, and, knowing the temper of the bystanders he expected trouble.

The man who had administered Devlin's punishment, however, did not see his approach. He was looking somewhere above their heads—at the upper balcony of the hotel opposite—staring in a kind of strained and horrified expectancy at a girl who leaned forward, her hands clinching the balustrade, her eyes fixed on his face. There was something in that face, in that intense look, that seemed to cleave the gray veil that swathed Harry Sanderson's past.

Only an instant the gaze hung between them. It served as a distraction, for other eyes had raced to the balcony.

The clamoring voices were suddenly hushed, for there was not wanting in the crowd that instinctive regard for the proprieties which belongs to communities where gentlewomen are few. In that instant Felder put his hand on the arm of the staring man and drew him to the door of the hotel.

"Inside, quickly!" he said under his breath, for a rumble from the crowd told him the girl had left the balcony above. He pushed the other through the doorway and turned for a second on the threshold.

"Whatever private feelings you may have," he said in a tone that all heard, "don't disgrace the town. Fair play, no matter who he is! McGinn, I should think you, at least, were big enough to settle your grudges without the help of a crowd."

Chapter 13

THE man whose part the lawyer had taken had yielded to his touch almost dazedly as the girl disappeared.

"That was a close squeak," said Felder to him. "Do you realize that? In five minutes more you'd have been handled a sight worse than you handled your man, let me tell you!"

The man of no memories smiled, the same smile that had infuriated the barroom—and yet somehow it was more difficult to smile now.

"Is it possible," he asked, "that through an unlucky error I have trounced the local archbishop?"

Felder looked at him narrowly. Beneath the sarcasm he distinguished unfamiliarity, aloofness, a genuine astonishment. The appearance in the person of Hugh Stires of the qualities of nerve and courage had surprised him out of his usual indifference. The "tinhorn gambler" had fought like a man. His present sang froid was as singular. Had he been an absolute stranger in the town he might have acted and spoken no differently. Felder's smooth shaven, earnest face was puzzled as he answered curtly:

"You've trounced a man who will remember it a long time."

"Ah!" said the man addressed easily. "He has a better memory than I, then!"

He gazed over the heads of the silent roomful to the simmering street, where Devlin, with the aid of a supporting arm, was staggering into the saloon in which his humiliation had begun. "They seem agitated," he said. The feeling of embarrassment was passing; the old daring was lifting. His glance, scanning the room, set itself on a shabby, clear figure in the background apologetic, yet keenly and pridefully interested. A whimsical light was in his eye. He crossed to him and, reaching out his hand, drew the violin from under his arm.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," he said, and, opening the door, he tucked the instrument under his chin and began to play.

What absolute contempt of danger, what insane prompting possessed, can scarcely be imagined. Felder looked for a quick end to the folly, but he saw the men in the street even as they moved forward waver and pause. With almost the first note it had come to them that they were hearing music such as the squeaking fiddles of the dance halls never knew. Those on the opposite pavement crossed over, and men far down the street stood still to listen.

More than the adept's cunning that had at first tingled in his fingers at sight of the instrument was in Harry Sanderson's playing. The violin had been the single passion which the old Satan Sanderson had carried with him into the new career. The impulse to "soothe the savage breast" had been a flare of the old character he had been relieving, but the music, begun in bravado, swept him almost instantly beyond its bounds. He had never been an indifferent performer. Now he was playing as he had never played in his life, with inspiration and abandon. There was a diabolism in it. He had forgotten the fight, the crowd, his own mocking mood. He had forgotten where he was. He was afloat on a fluctuant tide of melody that was carrying him back, back, into the far-away past toward all that he had loved and lost.

"It's 'Home, Sweet Home,'" said Barney McGinn. "No, it's 'Annie Laurie.' No, it's—hanged if I know what it is!"

The player himself could not have told him. He was in a kind of tranced dream. The self made music was calling with a sweet insistence to buried things that were stirring from a long sleep. It sent a gulp into the throat of more than one standing moveless in the street. It brought a suspicious moisture to Tom Felder's eyes. It drew Mrs. Halloran from the kitchen, wiping her hands on her apron. It called to a girl who crouched in the upper hall with her miserable face buried in her hands, drew her down the stair to the office door, her eyes wide with a breathless wonder, her face glistening with feeling.

From the balcony Jessica had witnessed the fight without understanding its meaning. A fascination she could not gainsay had glued her eyes to the struggle. It was he—it was the face she knew, seen but once for a single moment in the hour of her marriage, but stamped indelibly upon her memory. It was no longer smooth shaven, and it was changed, evilly changed. But it was the same. There was recklessness and mockery in it and yet strength, not weakness. Shunned and despised as he might be—the chief

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actor, as it seemed to her, in a cheap and desperate barroom affray, a coarse affair of fisticuffs in the public street—yet there was something intrepid in his bearing, something splendid in his victory.

To Jessica, standing with hands close clasped, the music seemed the agony of remorse for a past fall, the cry of a forlorn soul, knowing itself cast out, appealing to its good angel for pity and pardon. Hugh had often played to her, lightly, carelessly, as he did all things. She had deemed it only one of his many clever, amateurish accomplishments. Now it struck her with a pang that there had been in him a deeper side that she had not guessed. Since her wedding day she had thought of her marriage as a loathed bond, from which his false pretense had absolved her. Now a doubt of her own position assailed her. Had loneliness and outlawry driven him into the career that had made him shunned even in this rough town, a course which she, had she been faithful to her vow "for better, for worse," might have turned to his redemption? God forgave, but she had not forgiven. Smarting tears scorched her eyelids.

For Harry Sanderson the music was the imprisoned memory, crying out strongly in the first tongue it had found. The slumbering qualities that had stirred uneasily at sight of the face on the balcony awoke. Who he was and had been he knew no more than before, but the new writhing self consciousness, starting from its sleep with almost a sense of shock, became conscious of the gaping crowd, the dusty street, the red sunset and of himself at the end of a vulgar brawl sawing a violin in silly braggadocio in a hotel doorway.

The music faltered and broke off. The bow dropped at his feet. He picked it up fumblingly and turned back into the office as a man entered from a rear door. The newcomer was Michael Halloran, the hotel's proprietor, short, thickset and surly. Asleep in his room, he had neither seen the fracas nor heard the playing. He saw instantly, however, that something unusual was forward and, blinking on the threshold, caught sight of the man who was handing the violin back to its owner. He clinched his fist, with a scowl, and started toward him.

His wife caught his arm.

"Oh, Michael, Michael!" she cried. "Say nothing, lad! Ye should have heard him play!"

"Play!" he exclaimed. "Let him go fiddle to his side partner, Prendergast, and the other riffraff he's run with the year past!" He turned blackly to Harry. "Take yourself from this house, Hugh Stires!" he said. "Whether all's true that's said of you I don't say, but you'll not come here!"

Harry had turned very white. With the spoken name—a name how familiar!—his eyes had fallen to the ring on his finger—the ring with the initials H. S. A sudden comprehension had darted to his mind. A score of circumstances that had seemed odd stood out now in a baleful light. The looks of dislike in the barroom, the attitude of the street, this angry diatribe, all smacked of acquaintance, and not alone acquaintance, but obloquy. His name was Hugh Stires! He belonged to this very town! And he was a man hated, despised, forbidden entrance to an uncouth hostelry, an unwelcome visitant even in a barroom. He turned to Felder and said in a low voice to him, not to the hotel keeper or to the room ful:

"When I entered this town today I did not know my name or that I had ever set foot in it before. I was struck by a train a month ago and remember nothing beyond that time. It seems that the town knows me better than I know myself."

He turned quietly and walked out of the door. Pavement and street were a hubbub of excited talk. The groups parted as he came out, and he passed between them with eyes straight before him.

As he turned down the street a fragment of quartz thrown with deliberate and venomous aim flew from the saloon doorway. It grazed his head, knocking off his hat.

Tom Felder had seen the flying missile, and he leaped to the center of the street with rage in his heart. "If I find out who threw that," he said, "I'll send him up for it, so help me God!"

Harry stooped and picked up his hat and as he put it on again turned a moment toward the crowd. Then he walked on down the middle of the street, his eyes glaring, his face white, into the dusky blue of the falling twilight.

Chapter 14

THE scene in the hotel office had left Jessica in a state of mental distraction in which reason was in abeyance. In the confusion she had slipped into the little sitting room unnoticed, feeling a sense almost of physical sickness, to sit in the half light, listening to the diminishing noises of the spilling crowd. She was wind swept, storm tossed, in the grip of primal emotions. The surprise had shocked her, and the strange appeal of the violin had disturbed her equipoise.

The significant words of awakening spoken in the office had come to her distinctly. In their light she had read the piteous puzzle of that gaze that had held her motionless on the balcony. Hugh had forgotten the past—all of it, its crime, its penalty. In forgetting the past he had forgotten even her, his wife. Yet in some mysterious way her face had been familiar to him. It had touched for an instant the spring of the befogged memory.

As she spurred through the transient twilight, past the selvage of the town, and into the somber mountain slope, she struck the horse sharply with her crop. He who had entrapped her, who had married her under the shadow of a criminal act, who had broken her future with his, when his whole bright life had crashed down in black ruin—could such a one look as he had looked at her? Could he make such music that had wrung her heart?

All at once the horse shied violently, almost unseating her. A man was lying by the side of the road, tossing and muttering to himself. She forced the unwilling animal closer and, leaning from the saddle, saw who it was.

In a moment she was off and beside the prostrate form, a spasm of dread clutching at her throat at sight of the nerveless limbs, the chalky pallor of the brow, the fever spots in the cheeks.

A wave of pity swept over her. He was ill and alone. He could not be left there. He must have shelter. She looked fearfully about her. What could she do? In that town, whose intolerance and dislike she had seen so actively demonstrated, was there no one who would care for him? She turned her head, listening to a nearing sound—footsteps were plodding up the road. She called, and presently a pedestrian emerged from the half dark and came toward her.

"It's Stires."

He bent over the form she showed him.

"It's Stires," he said with a chuckle. "I heard he'd come back." The chuckle turned to a cough, and he shook his head. "This is sad! You could never believe how I have labored with the boy, but"—he turned out his hands—"you see, there is the temptation. It is his unhappy weakness."

Jessica remembered the yellow, smirky face now. She had passed him on the day Tom Felder had walked with her from the Mountain Valley House, and the lawyer had told her he lived in the cabin just below the Knob, where she so often sat. She felt a quiver of repulsion.

"He is not intoxicated," she said coldly. "He is ill. You know him, then?"

"Know him!" he echoed and laughed—a dry, cackling laugh. "I ought to. And I guess he knows me." He shook the inert arm. "Get up, Hugh!" he said. "It's Prendergast!"

There flashed through her mind the phrase of the surly hotel keeper, "His side partner, Prendergast!" Could it be? Had Hugh really lived in the cabin on which she had so often peered down during those past weeks? And with this chosen crony!

She touched Prendergast's arm. "He is ill, I say," she repeated. "He must be cared for at once. Your cabin is on the hillside, isn't it?"

"His cabin," he corrected. "A rough place, but it has sheltered us both. I am but guide, philosopher and friend."

She bit her lips. "Lift him on my horse," she said. She stooped and put her hands under the twitching shoulders. "I will help you. I am quite strong."

With her aid he lifted the swaying form on to the saddle and supported it, while Jessica led the way.

"Here is the cutoff," he said presently. "Ah, you know it!" for she had turned into the side path that led along the hill, under the gray, snakelike flume—the shortest route to the grassy shelf on which the cabin stood.

The byway was steep and rugged, and rhododendron clumps caught at her ankles, and once she heard a snake slip over the dry rustle of leaves, but she went on rapidly, dragging at the bridle, turning back now and then anxiously to urge the horse to greater speed. She scarcely heard the offensively honeyed compliments which Prendergast offered to her courage.

It seemed an eternity they climbed. In reality it was scarcely twenty minutes before they reached the grassy knoll and the cabin, whose crazy swinging door stood wide to the night air. She tied the horse, went in and at Prendergast's direction found matches and lit a candle. The bare, two room interior it revealed was unkempt and disordered. Rough bunks, a table and a couple of hewn chairs were almost its only furniture. The window was broken and the roof admitted sun and rain. Prendergast laid the man they had brought on one of the bunks and threw over him a shabby blanket.

"My dear young lady," he said, "you are a good Samaritan. How shall we thank you, my poor friend here and I?"

Jessica had taken money from her pocket, and now she held it out to him. "He must have a doctor," she said. "You must fetch one."

The yellow eyes fastened on the bill, even while his gesture protested. "You shame me!" he exclaimed. "And yet you are right. It is for him." He folded it and put it into his pocket. "As soon as I have built a fire I will go for our local medico. He will not always come at the call of the luckless miner. All are not so charitable as you."

He untied her horse and extended a hand, but she mounted without his help. "He will thank you one day, this friend of mine," he said, "far better than I can do."

"It is not at all necessary to tell him," she replied frigidly. "The sick are always to be helped in every circumstance."

She gave her horse the rein as she spoke and turned him up the steep path that climbed back of the cabin, past the Knob, and so by a narrow trail to the mountain road.

August Prendergast stood listening to the dulling hoof beats a moment, then re-entered the cabin. The man on the bunk had lifted to a sitting position. His eyes were open, dazed and staring.

"That's right," the older man said. "You're coming round. How does it feel to be back in the old shebang? Can't guess how you got here, can you? You were towed on horseback by a beauty, Hughey, my boy—a rip staving beauty! I'll tell you about it in the morning if you're good."

The man he addressed made no answer. His eyes were on the other, industrious and bewildered.

"I heard about the row," went on Prendergast. "They didn't think it was in you, and neither did I." He looked at him cunningly. "Neither did Moreau, eh, eh? You're a clever one, Hugh, but the lost memory racket won't stand you in anything. You hadn't any call to get scared in the first place. I don't tell all I know."

He shoved the candle nearer on the table. "There's a queer look in your face, Hugh!" he said, with a clumsy attempt at kindness. "That rock they threw must have hurt you. Feel sort of dizzy, eh? Never mind, I'll show you a sight for sore eyes. You went off without your share of the last swag, but I've saved it for you. Prendergast wouldn't cheat a pal!"

From a cranny in the clay chinked wall he took a chamois skin bag. It contained a quantity of gold dust and small nuggets, which he poured into a miner's scales on the table and proceeded to divide in two portions. This accomplished, he emptied one of the portions on to a paper and pushed it out.

"That's yours," he said.

Harry's eyes were on his with a piercing intensity now, as though they looked through him to a vast distance beyond. He was staring through a gray midst at something far off, but significant, that eluded his direct vision. The board table, the yellow gold, the flickering candlelight, recalled something horrifying, in some other world, in some other life, millions of ages ago.

He lurched to his feet, overturning the table. The gold dust rattled to the floor.

"Your deal!" he said. Then, with a vague laugh, he fell sidewise upon the bunk.

August Prendergast stared at him with a look of amazement on his yellow face. "He's crazy as a chicken!" he said.

He sat watching him awhile, then rose and kindled a fire on the unswept hearth. From a litter of cans and dented utensils in a corner he proceeded to cook himself supper, after which he carefully brushed up the scattered gold dust and returned it all to its hiding place. Lastly he rummaged on a shelf and found a vial. This proved to be empty, however, and he set it on the table.

"I guess you'll do well enough without any pain killer," he said to himself. "Doctors are expensive. Anyway, I'll be back by midnight."

He threw more wood on the fire, blew out the candle and, closing the door behind him, set off down the trail to the town, where a faro bank soon acquired the bill Jessica had given him.

Chapter 15

IT was pitch dark when Jessica reached the sanitarium, though she went like a whirlwind, the chill damp smell of the dewy balsams in her nostrils, the dust rising ghostlike behind the rapid hoofs. She found David Stires anxious and peevish over her late coming.

She felt a relief when the old man grew tired and was wheeled to his bedroom.

Left alone, her reflections returned. She began to be tortured. She tried to read. The printed characters swam beyond her comprehension. At length she drew a hood over her head and stole out on to the wide porch.

It was only 9 o'clock, and along the gravel paths that wound among the shrubbery a few dim forms were strolling. She caught the scent of a cigar and the sound of a woman's laugh. The air was crisp and bracing, with a promise of frost and painted leaves. She gazed down across the dark gulches toward the town, a straggling design pricked in blinding yellow points. Halfway between, folded in the darkness, lay the green shelf and the cabin to which her thought recurred with a kind of compulsion.

There was no moon, but the stars were glowing like tiny green gilt coals, and the yellow road lay plain and clear. With a sudden determination she drew her light cloak closely about her, stepped down, sped across the grass to a footpath and so to the road. As she ran on down the curving stretch under the trees the crackling slip of bank paper that lay in her bosom seemed to burn her flesh. She was stealing away to gaze upon the outcast who had shamed and humbled her—going, she knew not why, with burning cheek and hammering heart.

She slipped through the side trail to the cabin with a choking sensation. She stole to the window and peered in. In the firelight she could see the form on the bunk, tossing and muttering. Otherwise the place was empty. She lifted the latch softly and entered.

The strained anxiety of Jessica's look relaxed as she gazed about her. She saw the vial on the table. The doctor had been there, then. If he were in serious case, Prendergast would be with him. She threw back her hood, drew one of the chairs to the side of the bunk and sat down, her eyes fixed on his face. The weakness and helplessness of his posture struck through and through her. Two sides of her were struggling in a chaotic combat for mastery.

"I hate you! I hate you!" she said under her breath, clinching her cold hand. "I must hate you! You stole my love and put it under your feet! You have disgraced my present and ruined my future! What if you have forgotten the past—your crime? Does that make you the less guilty or me the less wretched?"

But withal a silent voice within her gave the lie to her vehemence. Some element of her character that had been rigid and intact was crumbling down. An old sweet something that a dreadful mill had ground and crushed and annihilated was rising whole and undefiled, superior to any petty distinction, regardless of all that lifted combative in her inheritance, not to be gainsaid or denied.

She leaned closer, listening to the incoherent words and broken phrases borne on the turbid channels of fever. But she could not link them together into meaning. Only one name he spoke clearly over and over again—the name Hugh Stires—repeated with the dreary monotony of a child conning a lesson. She noted the mark across his brow. Before her marriage, in her blindness, she had used to wonder what it was like. It was not in the least disfiguring. It gave a touch of the extraordinary. It was so small she did not wonder that in that ecstatic moment of her bride's kiss she had not seen it.

Slowly, half fearfully, she stretched out her hand and laid it on his. As if at the touch the mutterings ceased.

She bent and touched her lips to his forehead.

The eyes opened, and a confused, troubled look crept to them. Then they closed again, and the look faded out into a peace that remained.

A thrill ran through her, the sense of moral power of the weak over the strong, of the feminine over the masculine.

A rising flush stained her cheeks. With a sudden impulse and with a guilty backward glance she bent and touched her lips to his forehead.

She drew back quickly, her face flooded with color, caught her breath, then, drawing her hood over her head, went swiftly to the door and was lost in the darkness.

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When toward midnight the fever ebbed, Sanderson had fallen into a deep sleep of exhaustion, from which he opened his eyes next morning upon the figure of Prendergast sitting, pipe in mouth, in the sunny doorway.

He lifted himself on his elbow. That crafty face had been inexplicably woven with the delirious fantasies of his fever. Where and when had he known it? Then in a great tide welled over him the memory of his last conscious hours—the scene in the saloon, the fight, the music, the sudden appalling discovery of his name and repute. He remembered the sickening wave of self disgust, the fierce agony of resentment that had beat in his every vein as he walked up the darkening street. He remembered the thrown quartz. No doubt another missile had struck home or he had been set upon, kicked and pommeled into insensibility. This old man—a miner probably, for there were picks and shovels in the corner—had succored him. He had been ill, there was lassitude in every limb, and shadowy recollections tantalized him. He retained a dim consciousness of a woman's face—the face he had seen on the balcony—leaning near him, bringing into a painful disorder a sense of grateful coolness, of fragrance and of rest.

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Memphis—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 1,528; stock 180,477.

St. Louis—Stock 34,123.

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FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Money on call unquoted. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange nominal with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 for sixty day bills and at 4.87 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 4.84 7-8. Bar silver 49 1-4. Mexican dollars 45.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $16,923,325 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of $6,931,625 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows: Loans $1,276,745,300, decrease $39,234,800. Deposits $1,322,151,900, decrease $46,760,500. Circulation $49,129,600, increase $2,517,500; Legal tenders $78,262,700, decrease $1,126,900. Specie $269,198,600, decrease $3,649,600. Reserve $347,461,300, decrease $4,776,590. Reserve required $330,537,975, decrease $11,690,125. Surplus $16,923,325, increase $6,913,625. Excess of United States deposits $19,239,700, increase $26,656,125.

The percentage of the actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 26.59. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that these interests have aggregate deposits of $1,117,026,600. Total cash on hand $108,401,800 and loans amounting to $1,057,049,200.

WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Emminent Men Testify as to Wholesome Influence of Work.

The annual dinner of the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, recently. Covers were laid for upwards of 400 guests, and in the galleries were as many ladies.

Among those seated at the guest table were Lucien C. Warner, Chairman of the International Committee, and E. A. Marling Vice Chairman. Robert Watchorn, Commissioner of Immigration, Elmer E. Brown, U. S. Commissioner of Education, George W. Stevens, president C. & O. Railroad, A. G. Yates, President R. R. & P. R. R. Abner Kingman, August Belmont, Robert Cluett, Commodore Wadhams, James Stokes, Hon. Cephas Brainerd, Dr. E. A. Steiner, General Porter, and General Leonard Wood. The two last named gentlemen were the guests of honor.

During a most interesting address, General Porter said "The greatest service this association has performed is the cultivation of character. The thing that is not degenerating in this country is the great respect for deep moral sense of civic righteousness. The man who has the deepest moral sense will always have the majority vote. I have a respect for this organization, because of the work it is doing. This is one of the pleasantest evenings I have ever spent. I have learned how the association is extending away across the seas, away into the Orient, among peoples of all tongues and races, who were brought under the influence of Christianity. It has won title deeds to honor of which it can never be dispossessed.

General Leonard Wood, of the Department of the East, spoke of his observations of the association for four years with the soldiers in Cuba, and as long in the Philippines. He said "The Young Men's Christian Association has done a great deal more I believe than it is aware of to improve the moral and physical condition of our soldiers and sailors in foreign countries, a great deal also for young Americans in foreign ports, without any proper place of resort. And it has also reached out and done a great deal for the natives in elevating and improving the condition of our soldiers and sailors and young Americans in the Philippines. It has raised very much the native opinion of the American people because it is through these representatives that the average native gets his impression of America, so I can truthfully say that the Association not only improved moral and physical conditions but you have given them helpful and healthful recreation, and have greatly aided our country in governing the Philippine Islands. Your work is splendid."

The reports given by the International Secretaries showed more than $12,000,000 was given to the Association last year for the conduct of its work, for buildings and for extension in new fields in North America, and foreign countries.

The men who give the larger part of the money, are the most enthusiastic advocates of the organization, giving not only money, but largely of their valuable time for the direction and promotion of the work.

—Alamance Gleaner: Last Sunday Mrs. Dixie McAdams, wife of Mr. J. T. McAdams, who lived some two miles north of Mebane, committed suicide by shooting herself. She had been in poor health and had become mentally unbalanced and several months ago was committed to the State Hospital at Morganton for treatment. A few weeks ago she was sent home, being greatly improved. Besides her husband, several children survive.

Music at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today at 3:30. Cars every half hour. ••

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, church edifice Market and 17th streets Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon, "Christian Science." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and again at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. The regular Christmas sermon and anthems will be rendered at the morning service. Strangers are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Sunday after Christmas. German service at 11 A. M. English Vesper service at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

St. John's Church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector: St. John Evangelist's Day. Holy communion 7:30 A. M. Service at 11 A. M. with special sermon to Masons by the Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, of Oxford, N. C. Sunday School 4 P. M. Service with sermon by the Rev. Mr. Horsfield 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease rector. Sunday services, morning 11 A. M. Evening service 5 P. M.

Second Advent Church, Sixth street, between Church and Castle, Rev. J. P. King, pastor: Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock and evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Grace Church today: Preaching this morning at 11 o'clock and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor: Services today Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. All welcome.

Services at St. James Church will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. with special service at 4 P. M. Cordial invitation is extended to all to attend 8 P. M. service, at which time Mr. Matthews will preach.

"The New Year With Its Duties" will be the subject of a special sermon by Pastor Erwin at the First Christian Church on Dock street tonight. It will be with special reference to the inauguration of the prohibition law on Jan. 1st. All are invited.

TOM BURNS BEATEN

American Negro Wins World's Heavy weight Championship.

(Special to Washington Post.)

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—Jack Johnson, the American negro, won the heavy-weight championship of the world here this morning in the fourteenth round. He had Tommy Burns, of Canada, the title holder, in such a condition that the police ordered the fight stopped, whereupon Referee Hugh D. McIntosh awarded his decision to Johnson amid a wild scene.

Johnson outclassed Burns in practically every respect. He was faster in attack and defense, delivered the more accurate and powerful blows, and gradually wore the white man down. Burns was the aggressor at the outset and indulged in hard rushing, the idea being to land a knockout blow in a rough mix-up. But Johnson was too clever for him. The negro was so shifty on his feet that it was a difficult matter for Burns to reach a vital spot, so that he soon discovered that he was up against a most puzzling proposition.

When Johnson cut loose he generally landed. His left hand was used with telling effect, as Burns was repeatedly jolted and jarred with it. Johnson worked the left on the white man's head and stomach, and saved the right for a critical moment. In generalship Johnson was the master. He was cool-headed and never lost a trick. He followed Sam Fitzpatrick's instructions to the letter, and as the battle progressed in his favor the negro's confidence increased until it was a foregone conclusion that he would win.

At times the slugging by both men was terrific. Blood was drawn by each fighter and as the battle raged 25,000 spectators went mad. When the end came Burns looked as if he might be stopped at any moment. Johnson was punching him all over the ring when the police broke up the mill. The referee had no alternative but to declare Johnson the winner, and the verdict appeared to meet with general approval.

Veneering Plant to Be Built at Maxton

Maxton, Dec. 25.—Mr. J. J. Kincaid, who arrived here with his family from Salisbury last week, will the first of the year begin the erection of a veneering plant with a view to working poplar timber mainly, and he hopes to have the factory in operation within a few weeks. He has purchased the lot near the crossing of the Seaboard and Coast Line Railroads for his plant, and the A. C. Covington house and lot nearby for a residence. He will also replace the residence with a new and more commodious one. Maxton always gives a hearty welcome to enterprises of this kind, and Mr. Kincaid will doubtless make a very profitable business of this industry here.

Schooner Waterlogged and Abandoned.

New York, Dec. 25.—The steamer City of Atlanta, of the Ocean Steamship Company, which cleared from Boston for Savannah, Ga., on December 22nd reported by wireless tonight that she had passed today the waterlogged schooner Warner Moore with flag flying union down in the mizzen rigging. There was no one on board the schooner when the City of Atlanta sighted her. The deserted vessel was encountered in latitude 37.45 north, longitude 74.40 west.

The Warner Moore, Captain Crockett, hails from Richmond, Va. She left Charleston, S. C., for Providence, R. I., on December 17th. She is of 354 tons burden.

Music at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today at 3:30. Cars every half hour. ••

COAL SCHOONER SINKS.

Abandoned By Her Crew, the Harry Messer Drifts.

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 25.—Drifting along without a crew and her riding lights set, the Boston schooner Harry Messer crossed a portion of the Nantucket shoals last night without running into any of the many vessels passing through the Tortupois channel, and finally descended on the Handkerchief shoals, three miles off shore, where she filled with water and sank. It is believed that the schooner will be a total wreck.

The Messer was bound from Baltimore for Boston with 3,000 tons of soft coal. She had been held back somewhat by the gale of Wednesday, but she left her anchorage off Dennis yesterday and tried to work up the cape shore. At 7:50 she struck on the Shovelful shoal, springing a leak. The water gained on the men at the pumps and finally Captain Pierce gave the command to abandon the schooner. The men then rowed to the Shovelful lightship. Shortly afterward the tide turned and the Messer worked free from the Pollock ship shoal and drifted up the cape shore.

FOUR INDIANS KILLED

On the Reservation in New Mexico. No Details Yet Ascertained.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Four Indians were killed and one wounded at the reservation located at Aneth, Utah, according to advices received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs today from Superintendent Shelton, of the Ship Rock Indian Agency located in the northwestern portion of New Mexico. Accompanied by a physician Superintendent Shelton has left for the scene of the trouble, the nature of which is as yet unknown to o cials of the Indian Affairs Bureau.

They're All Like This.

A young and pretty schoolteacher once asked her class for an original definition of the word "wife."

"A wife is a rib," said one little girl.

"Wives are guiding stars," said another.

"A comforter," said a third.

"An inspiration," said a fourth.

Altogether the definitions were rather prosy and commonplace, but finally a child of eleven, smiling archly, said:

"A wife is a person for a man to find fault with when things go wrong."

"Good!" cried the pretty teacher, laughing. "Good! That is the best definition of all, the best, the truest!"

But that afternoon on the way home from school the little girl whose definition had so pleased tripped demurely up to the teacher and said:

"Are you going to marry that tall, handsome young man I see you with nearly every night?"

"Yes," said the teacher.

"Well, then, if my definition of a wife was true"—

"Ah, but, dear, with us nothing will ever go wrong. He says so himself."

The Horse's Power of Smell.

The horse will leave musty hay untouched in his bin, however hungry. He will not drink of water objectionable to his questioning sniff or from a bucket which some odor makes offensive, however thirsty. His intelligent nostril will widen, quiver and query over the daintiest bit offered by the fairest of hands, with coaxings that would make a mortal shut his eyes and swallow a nauseous mouthful at a gulp. A mare is never satisfied by either sight or whinny that her colt is really her own until she has a certain nasal certificate to the fact. A blind horse, now living, will not allow the approach of any stranger without showing signs of anger not safely to be disregarded. The distinction is evidently made by his sense of smell and at a considerable distance. Blind horses, as a rule, will gallop wildly about a pasture without striking the surrounding fence. The sense of smell informs them of its proximity.—Horse and Stable.

Deceivers.

There is an old fellow who lives in a "dry" New England town who has a very poor opinion of New York, to which metropolis he recently made a visit. It may be remarked in passing that the old gentleman is one of the pillars of the church in his native village. Upon his return home he sat for some time upon a sugar barrel at the grocery and then suddenly burst out:

"Them fellers down to New York is as bad as thieves! Cheat your eyeteeth out 'fore you know it!"

"Gosh, Hiram! You don't mean to say you got bunkoed at your age?" the storekeeper demanded, dropping the nail tongs.

"Yes, I did, too!" was the angry reply. "I went to a sody water fountain an' asked the feller for his best sarsyprilla, an' I give him the regular wink."

"Well?" the storekeeper demanded.

"Well, by heck, I got it!" was the disgusted reply.

Sharks and Divers.

Contrary to what is generally supposed, the fully equipped modern diver does not dread sharks in the depths, though there are cases on record where these monsters have bitten savagely at the air pipe, causing a serious leak and almost drowning the man before he could be hauled up. Sharks are, however, notoriously timid, and all the experienced diver has to do to frighten them away is to open one of the air valves in his dress and cause a stream of bubbles to rise up all around him, whereupon the "tiger of the deep" will make off in abject terror. A far more real danger is getting entangled.—St. Nicholas.

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ATTACK ON FRENCH RULER.

While Taking Stroll President Fallieres Has an Exciting Experience.

Paris, Dec. 25.—While Armad Fallieres, the President of France, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and Colonel Lasson, a military attache at the Elise Palace, was taking a morning stroll near Rue de L'Etoil today, a poorly clad individual, who evidently had been laying in wait, suddenly jumped upon the President from behind and threw his arms amout M. Fallieres' neck in an effort to seize his beard.

Colonel Lasson and Secretary Ramondou sprang to the assistance of the President, dragged off his assailant and turned him over to two special detectives who had been following the party on bicycles.

President Fallieres' cane was broken in the struggle but beyond a scratch on the ear he was not injured, and insisted on continuing his walk.

As the detectives slipped the handcuffs on the man he cried: "I am unarmed. I simply wanted to pull the President's beard."

When searched at the station house the President's assailant proved to be Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter, 25 years old, and a native of the department of Savoie.

Medals of General Mercier, the former Minister of War, stamps bearing the head of the Duke of Orleans, a card of membership in the Patrie Francaise and other royalist documents were found on his person.

During the examination Mattis boasted of being a royalist and talked confusedly of having done his "duty" and obeyed the dictates of his "conscience." Heaps of royalist reactionary literature were found by the police when they ransacked his residence.

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THE REVOLUTION MADE COMPLETE

The Castro Regime in Venezuela Entirely Overthrown.

A BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

Accomplished in Absence of President Castro—His Brother Surrenders Governorship—Suits Against Ex-President Involving.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Caracas, Dec. 23.—via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 26.—The presidency of Juan Vicente Gomez has been recognized by the country at large, officially and unofficially and Venezuela is through with one of the most popular revolutions in the annals of the Republic, a revolution in which not one drop of blood was shed.

The authority of President Gomez is accepted as supreme, even General Celestino Castro, brother of the former President, who was chief of the department of Tachira, has turned over to the new military commander of that district all the arms and ammunition in his possession, amounting to 6,000 rifles and 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Celestino Castro's acceptance of the new regime is regarded as final and conclusive evidence that his brother is no longer a factor in the present situation.

President Gomez is showing in many ways his desire to propitiate all interests, promote business, both local and foreign, and improve foreign relations.

Cipriano Castro is being sued in the Caracas courts for moneys and property alleged to have been obtained wrongfully. Among others, Mme. Crespo, widow of former President Joaquin Crespo, has brought action to recover two years' rental of the Miraflores Palace in Caracas. This beautiful building was erected by her husband when he was President and it has been used by Cipriano Castro since his triumphal entry into Caracas nine years ago. These various actions probably will result in Cipriano Castro losing property to the value of $2,000,000 which he left behind in Venezuela when he sailed for France about a month ago.

The doors of the country have been opened to Venezuelans residing abroad and all former patriots and revolutionary agitators have been urged to return. The cattle monopoly maintained for so many years by Cipriano Castro has been abolished and the press has been given its freedom.

Jose de J. Paul, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Castro Cabinet, received two days ago a dispatch from Cipriano Castro at Berlin reading as follows:

"Declare the Dutch warships pirates. Suspend the payments to the powers under the Washington protocols. I am forwarding you a solution of the difficulty."

This communication has been received here with ridicule.

ON A SECRET MISSION

Col. James Hamilton Lewis' Trip to The Far East.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Inter-Ocean today in a news article says:

"Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, who is now in San Francisco will go to Japan and China on a secret mission for the State Department, it is said, before returning to this city.

"The nature of Colonel Lewis' mission is not known even to his private secretary, according to a statement made by the latter, but it is known that he is carrying letters from President Roosevelt and the Secretary of State."

Washington, Dec. 26.—The authoritative statement is made at the State Department that James Hamilton Lewis is not going to the Far East on any mission for the Government. Such letters as he may have from the officials are those of a character commending him to the good offices of our diplomatic and consular representatives abroad and perhaps to foreign officials.

HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

A Man Murders His Sister Then Takes His Own Life.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—James Leary, a brakeman on the Cincinnati Southern railroad shot and killed his sister, Mrs. Lidia Ditton, yesterday, at a family reunion at his father's home in Mount Zion village in Grant county, Kentucky. After firing all the bullets in his pistol into the body of the woman Leary walked to a store several blocks away, bought a box of cartridges and returned. He went into the parlor, where lay the body of his dead sister, placed the weapon to his head and blew out his own brains.

Leary's sister had reproved him for drinking and this is believed to have led to the double tragedy.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

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DEATH CLAUS SPRECKELS

The Sugar King of the Pacific Coast Passes Away at An Advanced Prominence of the Family in Financial Matters.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckles, widely known as the "Sugar King," of the Pacific coast, died at 4:30 o'clock A. M. today at his home in this city in his 80th year. The immediate cause of death was an attack of pneumonia, ,which had developed with alarming symptoms during the past few days.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Spreckles had devoted a large share of his attention to the various enterprises in which he was interested and it was not more than a month since he appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington as an authority on the subject of sugar duties.

Apart from the importance which attached to Claus Spreckles as the pioneer sugar refiner of the Pacific coast and as an investor of millions in California and the Hawaiian islands, the Spreckles family has for many years been of the most prominent in the State.

John D. Spreckles, his eldest son, has been for years a deciding influence in Oriental trade, apart from his other interests, and Rudolph, president of the First National Bank, has been a supporter of the graft prosecutions in this city to the amount of thousands of dollars, in addition to his active participation.

Claus Spreckles was born in Lamstadt, Germany, in 1828, and came to the United States in 1846. After being employed for some time in Charleston, S. C., and New York, he came to San Francisco, reaching this city in 1856. He established a store here and later conducted a brewery. In 1868 he built the Bay Sugar Refinery and began the importation of raw material from Hawaii. Prospering in this business, he established other refineries and promoted the beet sugar industry by establishing refineries and engaging in the farming of beets on a large scale. He also built a refinery at Philadelphia and invested largely in the Oceanic Steamship Co., and many other enterprises, including the building of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad.

Superior Court Judge Graham appointed Rudolph Spreckles and C. A. Spreckles executors of the will of their father, Claus Spreckles, fixing their bonds at $500,000, which were furnished. In applying for letters of administration it was stated that some matters connected with the estate needed immediate attention. The will is in the possession of the widow, Mrs. Anna Spreckles, and will be opened on Monday. It is said that all of the dead capitalist's children are mentioned in the will and each given a share of the estate, the value of which is variously estimated at from $40,000,000 to $50,000,000. It was stated in court that the income from the estate exceeded a quarter of a million dollars a year.

THE CHARTER NOT FORFEITED

Monopoly a Business No. Violation of Missouri Law.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—Judge Taylor in the Circuit Court today sustained the demurrer of the Union Electric Light and Power Company to the anti-trust suit filed by Circuit Attorney Sager to annul the charter of the company.

In his petition the Circuit Court attorney had stated that the Union Electric Light and Power Company had a monopoly of selling electricity in St. Louis. Judge Taylor said that the State had failed in its information to set forth that the company had formed an agreement with other corporations for the purpose of restraining competition. The Missouri anti-trust law, he held, does not forbid the consolidation of two or more corporations engaged in the same business. "The mere enjoyment of a monopoly," continued the court, "is not ground for the forfeiture of the corporate franchise."

The capital and bonded indebtedness of the company is $25,000,000.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Estimated That Four Million Were Used This Year.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—The nation's forests this year supplied four million Christmas trees, the forestry service estimating that one out of every four families observed the tree custom at yule tide. Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, upholds the Christmas tree custom and believes it should be maintained. "The number of trees cut each year," he said, "is insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. This clearing of an area equal to a good sized farm should not be the subject of much worry, when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year."

SANTA CLAUS IN THE AIR

A Trip Over Los Angeles for the Children's Amusement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—To celebrate Christmas day, Roy Knabenhue made a remarkable flight in his airship yesterday afternoon at Chutes Park at 4 o'clock and made a trip over the Y. M. C. A. building to give hundreds of children being entertained there an opportunity to see the Christmas Saint sailing in the air. George Deusler, Knabenhoue's engineer, was costumed as Santa Claus. After making the turn at the Y. M. C. A. building Kanabenhue sailed twice over the ball park.

A BIG FAILURE IN NEW YORK

The Firm of H. W. Poor & Co. Make an Assignment.

FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Supposed to be Amount of Liabilities of Firm and Individual Members. No Other Institutions Menaced By the Assignment.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Henry Poor, a well known banker and broker of Wall street and for many years the publisher of Poor's Manual of Railroad, failed today. His banking and brokerage firm known as H. W. Poor & Co., with offices at No. 33 Wall street, made an assignment to Mark T. Cox, of the firm of Robert T. Winthrop & Co., without preference. No statement regarding liabilities or assets was forthcoming today, but as Mr. Poor had been prominent in the street and had influential connections it is believed his liabilities will reach at least $5,000,000.

The entire brunt of the failure is borne by Mr. Poor, his former partners having withdrawn from the firm. The former partners included Mr. Poors son, William N. Phoenix, Franklin W. Hunt, Chas. F. Cushman and Frederick A. Farrar.

The failure is probably one of the largest that has occurred in the financial district in some time. Mr. Poor was looked upon not only as a very wealthy man, but his family has long held a high social position. He has two magnificent homes, one the old Cyrus W. Field mansion at No. 1 Lexington avenue, and the other a stone chateau at Tuxedo, which have been gathering places of the ultra fashionable for years.

As the stock exchange was closed today the announcement of the failure could not be reflected in market conditions.

An effort was made by lawyers for several of the large creditors to present a bankruptcy petition to a Federal judge, but none could be found sitting.

No statement regarding the assignment was forthcoming today from Poor, but John L. Cadwalader, of the law firm representing the assignee's attorney, and Lewis A. Delafield, representing certain large creditors, made the following announcement:

"A superficial examination justifies the belief that if the creditors, who are few in number, will co-operate in enabling the assignee to effect a favorable liquidation of the assets, a large sum will be realized for their benefit. Written assurance of important financial assistance to such creditors as will co-operate to that end has been given."

Another development was a suit by Howard Willetts, of West Chester, against Henry W. Poor & Co., for more than $200,000 on account of a deal in railroad bonds into which Mr. Willetts says he went because of the advice he received from Mr. Poor. This suit is still pending.

The transactions of the H. W. Poor concern were on an extensive scale, it is said, including big syndicate operations. Mr. Poor's connection with Poor's Manual of Railroads has been that of president and director. He was also president and director of the Postal Telegraph Company of Texas.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—H. W. Poor & Co., of New York, has maintained a branch office in this city for many years, dealing exclusively in bonds. Local banks hold a considerable quantity of their paper secured by various bond issues which are being carried for the firm. The local manager is Frederick A. Farrar.

The firm was heavily interested in the American Telephone Company and the Atlantic Railroad bonds. The local office had an account at the National Shawmut Bank, and at the clearing house. After announcement of the assignment today checks on the firm were returned by the bank.

Local bankers do not look upon the assignment as menacing other institutions or firms.

THE CREW RESCUED.

Crew of Wrecked Schooner Taken to Norfolk.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—The schooner James Paul, Captain J. A. Meech, arrived in Hampton Roads today, bringing Captain Frank Crockett and six men comprising the entire crew of the schooner Warner Moore from Charleston, S. C., to Providence, R. I., lumber laden, which was caught in the recent coast storm and lost. Captain Crockett and men were picked up by the James Paul off the Winter Quarters lightship after having been all night in an open skiff. The last seen of the Warner Moore was when, broken to pieces, she was drifting to sea.

HE DID NOT RISE.

Resurrection of the Koresh Leader Did Not Come Off.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 26.—All Christmas day devoted followers of the Koresh leader, Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, kept a close watch upon the body of their fancied Messiah, expecting a miracle, but he did not rise from the dead.

Now some of the bolder members of the colony are expressing doubt and advocating immediate burial, but Victoria Gratia, successor to "The Hardship," as the chief officer of the sect is called, insisted upon another day's delay.

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THE GOMPERS CONTEMPT

No Action by President So Long As Cases Pending in Courts—An Official Statement From the White House.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 26.—In an official statement issued at the White House today in regard to Presidential interference in the cases of President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, now under sentence for contempt of court, attention is called to the fact that the cases are still before the courts and that no matter what the President's opinion may be as to the justness of the sentence imposed he cannot take any action looking to pardon or express any opinion as to the merits of the cases. The text of the statement follows:

"Various appeals have been made to the President to interfere by pardons in the case of Mr. Gompers and his associates. Those making the appeals are unaware of the fact that the matter is still before the courts. It is a civil suit between private parties and there has been no way by which the Government could have interfered even if it had desired to do so. Whether the President does or does not think the sentence of Mr. Gompers and his associates excessive is not at present of consequence because he cannot take any action or express any opinion while the case is pending before the courts. When the decision is made then the President can promptly consider whether the terms of imprisonment are excessive or improper. But it is, of course, impossible for the President to act while an appeal is pending, for he has nothing whatever to act about. The court must finish with the case first and the defendants are at the present moment at liberty on bail. If the defendants see fit to abandon their appeal the matter will then, of course, be brought before the executive, in which case it will receive immediate and most careful consideration. But the defendants have a perfect right to prosecute their appeal, and, if unsuccessful in the final court then to ask for a pardon or commutation. But as long as they are pressing an appeal the President has nothing to do with the matter.

"The President has already instructed the Department of justice to keep him fully informed as to the progress of the case so that in the event of its becoming proper for him to act he may have at his disposal all of the facts which will enable him to decide whether there was justification for some punishment, whether the sentence is or is not altogether too severe. But at present the President has no more to do with the case than with the case of the $29,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard Oil Company which is also on appeal and concerning which the President has also been repeatedly asked to interfere by well meaning persons who did not know that he could not interfere while the matter was still before the courts on appeal."

Very soon Platt & Haar will be showing the newest in 1909 white goods, embroideries, muslin underwear, fancy wash goods, suits, etc., and they must have room. Balance of Xmas goods, furs, etc., at cost. **

Deposits made on or before Jan. 2nd will bear interest from Jan. 1st at the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. tf

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NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

In view of the financially depressing times of the past year and the rush of the holidays I will extend the time for the payment of taxes until January 15th, 1909. But taxes must be paid by then or cost will have to be attached. S. P. COWAN, Sheriff New Hanover County.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Happy Christmas To Our Friends and Enemies.

W. B. COOPER

Wholesale Grocer Wilmington, N. C.

dec 26 tf

Happy Christmas!

Laugh, and the World Laughs With You.

The American National Bank of Wilmington, N. C.

dec 25 tf

Card of Thanks

¶We wish to thank our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed, and we especially thank the little boys and and those who were interested in the bicycle contest, and we wish to announce the name of **Marion J. Smith,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Smith, as being the lucky winner of the bicycle, leading the contest with 2,281 votes.

¶Again thanking you for past favors, and trusting that we will enjoy your future patronage, and wishing for each of you a happy and prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of

J. M. SOLKY & CO.

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

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Sale of Wines and Liquors

We have just found time to look over our stock and we have left in the neighborhood of three thousand gallons of whiskeys and wines. We must dispose of this stock by December 31st, and in order to do so we will sell at any reasonable figures.

We have been in the wholesale and retail liquor business in connection with our grocery for seventeen consecutive years and we will not sacrifice the reputation we have earned by unfair dealings in closing this stock.

We ask you to write us, to 'phone, or to call in person and we assure you that you will find things as we represent them.

Very truly,

Sternberger Bros.

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Furs! Furs!

We have on hand quite a nice selection of Furs, and anyone contemplating purchasing should not fail to give us a call. Only a few pieces of Black Lynx left, and will not be able to order more on account of the great advance in price. Now is your opportunity.

C. H. FORE & CO.

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